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Iraq seeks probe of POW's execution

MANAMA, April 10 (AFP) — Iraq on Sunday officially asked the International Red Cross to investigate "urgently" a "new crime" by Iran against Iraqi prisoners of war, the Gulf News Agency (GNA) said here Sunday.

Citing a responsible Iraqi source, GNA said Iraq had accused Iran of executing 20 Iraqi prisoners and wounding 50 others at the Bamadak detention camp after they had protested "poor treatment". The two countries have been at war for two-and-a-half years.



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ASSASSINATED: The body of Dr. Issam Sartawi, a PLO observer to the Socialist International congress, at Albufeira, Portugal, lay in a pool of blood shortly after he was shot Sunday by a gunman. (Wirephoto)

Sartawi shot dead Victim of Israeli manipulation, Arafat says

ALBUFEIRA, Portugal, April 10 (Agencies) — Issam Sartawi, a top Palestinian moderate whose efforts at reconciliation with Israel won him a Nobel Peace Prize nomination, was shot to death Sunday in a crowded hotel lobby in this coastal resort.

Eye-witnesses said a lone gunman fired from point-blank range at Sartawi, European coordinator for the Palestine Liberation Organization, as he stood at the hotel reception desk. Sartawi was hit in the head and chest and died instantly, police said. An aide suffered a thigh wound. Both were representing the PLO at the 16th Socialist International, a conference of Socialist politicians from around the world. PLO chief Yasser Arafat said Sartawi had been killed by "bands manipulated by Israeli intelligence services", Palestinian sources said.

In an address to PLO fighters in a military camp near Sanaa, North Yemen, Arafat delivered a moving homage to Sartawi, to his "courage in the defense of Palestinian rights and the just cause of the Palestinian people".

Fatah, the major Palestinian movement, also paid homage to Sartawi, who had sacrificed his whole life to the Palestinian cause, the sources added.

On the West Bank, where Sartawi was born, Palestinian newspaper editor Ziad Abu-Ziad, said, "he was one of the best Palestinian minds."

The 47-year-old U.S.-educated cardiologist was a key figure in contacts between Israelis and the PLO. He helped set up a four-hour meeting in January between PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and three Israeli opposition leaders. Sartawi also reportedly worked to arrange swaps of Israeli and Palestinian prisoners taken during last year's Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Over the years, Sartawi's views made him a controversial figure in the Palestinian community. However, officials said he had no special security at the Socialist International Conference — at which he was given a seat in spite of Israeli protests.

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Oil spill talks doubtful, Kuwait feels

KUWAIT, April 10 (Agencies) — Kuwait Health Minister Abdul-Rahman Al-Awadi was reported to have expressed doubts Sunday whether a crisis meeting on a huge oil slick polluting the Gulf would take place as planned Wednesday.

Ministers from eight Gulf states were due to resume talks in Kuwait which were adjourned last Thursday. The formal opening of that session was delayed for two days by political wrangling between warring Iran and Iraq.

Awadi, asked by reporters whether the Wednesday meeting would go ahead as planned, replied: "We cannot predict anything," according to the Kuwait News Agency. Informed sources said Awadi postponed Sunday a planned shuttle to Iraq and Iran to hammer out an accord on capping offshore wells leaking in a Gulf war combat zone because no response to the trip was received from either country.

Upwards of 2,000 barrels of oil a day are pouring into the Gulf from wells in Iran's Nowrus field as the talks on stemming the flow drag on. Experts reckon some 7,500

Qabous visits U.S. today

BAHRAIN, April 10 (R) — Oman's Sultan Qabous ibn Said begins his first state visit to the United States Monday amid deep American involvement in peace efforts in his region.

President Reagan is expected to put high on the agenda attempts to keep alive his Middle East peace initiative, Gulf diplomats said. Sultan Qabous will also have talks with U.S. leaders on security, joint trade and other Middle East issues, they said.

The diplomats said the Sultan's visit, in a year marking the 150th anniversary of Oman's first treaty with the United States, is aimed at briefing Reagan on the Middle East.



Hussein bows out of peace parleys

AMMAN, April 10 (AP) — King Hussein's government announced Sunday that it would "either act separately or in lieu of anyone in Middle East peace negotiations."

In a statement issued by the government news agency Petra, the government said that after several days of intensive negotiations between King Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, final draft of an agreement between the two sides was worked out.

Arafat flew to Kuwait on Tuesday to gain the support of other PLO and Arab leaders for the agreement and was to have returned in two days.

"Five days later, a delegate was sent by the PLO executive committee chairman to Amman, to convey us new ideas, and to propose a new course of action that differed from our agreement and that did not give priority to saving the land, thus sending us back to where we were in October 1982," the statement said.

"In the light of this, it became evident that we cannot proceed with the course of political action which we had planned together, and to which we had agreed in principle and in detail," it said.

"...We respect the decision of the PLO, it being the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Accordingly, we leave it to the PLO and to the Palestinian people to choose the ways and means for the salvation of themselves and their land, and for the realization of their declared aims in the manner they see fit."

"We in Jordan, having refused from the beginning to negotiate on behalf of the Palestinians, will neither act separately or in lieu of anybody in any Middle East peace negotiations," the statement said.

The announcement came after Hussein received a message Sunday night from Arafat, carried by the PLO leader's top political adviser, Hani Al-Hassan, and the PLO military chief, Khalil Wazir, known as Abu Jihad.

Earlier Sunday King Hussein presided over a three-hour cabinet meeting after which the announcement was made.

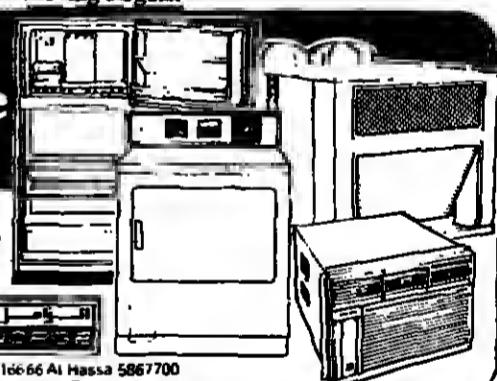
Well-informed PLO sources said the message Arafat sent the king was that the PLO

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Visit to Kingdom 'complete success'

Pakistani minister explains security agreements

By Hussein Dakroub
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 10 — Pakistani Interior Minister Mahmood Haroon has described his ten-day official visit to Saudi Arabia as a "complete success", asserting that the immediate objectives of the trip have been achieved.

In an exclusive interview with *Arab News*, Minister Haroon, who has just signed two security pacts with his Saudi Arabian counterpart Prince Naif, said, "The immediate goals of the visit have been achieved. How-



Mahmood Haroon

ever, goals are really in the past and future because they concern the unity of (Islamic) Umma, that is the goal. Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and many other Islamic states are marching toward that goal. But at present, every step is an achievement."

Haroon arrived in Riyadh on April 2 in response to an invitation from Prince Naif. During Haroon's visit, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia signed two security cooperation agreements. One agreement calls for the extradition of criminals and the other calls for training and exchange of technical expertise and cooperation between the two countries.

Asked to elaborate on the security pacts, Haroon said, "We have signed two pacts: One is the extradition treaty where criminals flee from justice and take refuge in the other country. If there is no such extradition treaty, then the criminal cannot be extradited in the country where he committed his offense. Nor can he be tried in the country

where he has escaped. That is why such treaties exist among many nations of the world. But I don't think they exist among Islamic nations. So, that is one treaty we have signed for the sake of justice so that no criminals should go unpunished."

"Regarding the other security pact," Haroon added, "actually it is not exactly a security agreement as such. It is that we will exchange internal police expertise and training. Saudi Arabia has some of the most modern equipment. We will be sending our people over here if necessary for training. Saudi Arabia will be sending people across because we are now neighbors and the world has become small. Therefore, the pattern in both countries or in various countries must be studied for a better handling of the internal situation."

"These are real steps forward toward joint cooperation between the two countries for achieving greater goals," he indicated.

Besides affirming that his trip was a "complete success", Haroon said he is happy to note that Saudi Arabian-Pakistani relationship is fraternal.

"Thank God, I find that Saudi Arabian-Pakistani relations are very good. There is complete harmony between the thinking of both countries. We have clearly identified the goals that we have to achieve. We are both committed to those goals. We have no differences whatsoever between our two countries. I think it is a relationship of two brothers," he emphasized.

"For the sake of international procedures etc., we are qualifying certain things," he added.

The Pakistani minister was euphoric when asked about the future outlook of bilateral cooperation.

"Naturally, Saudi Arabian-Pakistani cooperation is headed for further improvement. Every day, friendship takes another step forward. Every day, cooperation proceeds in various channels through embassies and exchange of visits. Cooperation is being increased every day by both sides," he stressed.

For his part, Prince Naif has described Saudi Arabian-Pakistani relations as strong and based on Islamic fraternity and mutual interest.

Explaining the security agreement, Prince Naif told *Arab News* last week, "The agreement we signed with Pakistan did not arise because of some security problems between the two countries. It is a normal business and we regard it an excellent achievement between the two Islamic states."

Prince Naif said the agreement, which will run for three years, regulates security relations between the two countries and

exchange of information, extradition of criminals and follow-up of various developments in the security field that concern both countries.

Is Pakistan satisfied with the bulk of its trade with the Kingdom? Haroon's answer was emphatic. "Pakistan is not only satisfied with the volume of trade, but also wants to boost economic cooperation. Even Saudi Arabia wants to increase the volume of trade. On the whole, it is a happy relationship," he said.

Haroon stressed that he did not discuss any Saudi Arabian financing of oil development projects in Pakistan, saying that such matters are usually explored by specialized officials. "When we meet, we don't have a fixed agenda, because when two brothers meet, they discuss everything. So when we meet, it does not matter in which ministry or which department or section. We discuss everything like two brothers," he pointed out.

Haroon said no request for financial aid or anything of the sort was made during his visit.

He also denied the existence of any aid agreement between the two countries saying, "There is a Pakistani-Saudi investment company which has been formed by joint capital from both countries to set up joint ventures. This company is progressing and every now and then the company's members hold meetings."

"Besides, there is a lot of trade going on between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. They give us oil, we give them rice and many other things of that nature," he added.

Is Pakistan planning to boost its labor force in the Kingdom, estimated at 450,000 to 500,000?

"Well, it all depends on the requirements of Saudi Arabia. If it is required we will try to supply whatever we can, semi-skilled or this kind of labor as necessary. It all depends on the Kingdom's requirements," Haroon said.

Asked if the Pakistani government is taking any measures to improve the quality of manpower coming here, Haroon's answer was affirmative. "Yes, we have set up many polytechnic schools where laborers are taught trades. This is because we feel that unskilled labor will not be in demand any more, not only here but in many other places," he stated.

Haroon reiterated Pakistan's support for Palestinian rights and Arab and Islamic causes. "I think ever since the creation of Pakistan, Pakistan stands committed to the liberation of occupied Arab lands, a homeland for the Palestinian people, and the independence of Jerusalem. We have backed the Arab cause all along and we shall keep on doing so," he said.

Asked on Pakistan's role to bring about an end to the Iraq-Iran war, Haroon said, "Pakistan is a member of the Organization of the Islamic Conference peace committee. Therefore, our peace efforts will have to be within the framework of that committee. Pakistan abides by the OIC committee's decisions."

Asked what kind of message he wants to convey to Pakistanis working in the Kingdom, the minister said, "I would like to say that they should consider the Kingdom as their own home country and work hard and



Prince Naif

try to build this country because as I said the destiny of our two countries is the same. Therefore, we should strengthen and help each other because we have to face a lot of problems and we have to face them jointly."

At the same time, Haroon said, "I wish the people of Saudi Arabia, all progress, prosperity, joy and achievements. I also thank all Saudi Arabian government leaders, on top of them, His Majesty King Fahd, Crown Prince Abdullah, Interior Minister Prince Naif for making this visit not only pleasant, but also educational and successful."

During his ten-day trip, Haroon visited Riyadh, Dhahran, Dammam, Jubail, Asir Province, Madinah and Jeddah where he inspected several major projects and toured the Islamic University in Madinah. On Saturday morning, he went to Makkah and performed *Umra* (minor pilgrimage). Haroon is scheduled to leave the Kingdom on Monday.

420 companies participating

Saudi Agriculture '83 opened

Riyadh Bureau

Throughout the five-day show, a wide range of agricultural systems will be displayed from machinery, equipment, agricultural products to chemicals and pest control.

There was a great rush to participate in this show, Nasief said. The waiting list includes at least 30 companies from the Kingdom aside from the foreign ones. Moreover, he boasted that within one week from now space reservation for next year's show will be sold out.

Visiting hours are from 10.00-13.00 a.m. to 17.00-22.00 p.m.

Last year, Nasief said, the exhibition attracted more than 7,000 visitors as well as official delegations from Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and North Yemen. This year's show is expected to attract more people, having become well known. Nasief could not give a figure on the volume of deals concluded last year, but he said that the Americans alone netted business deals worth \$2 million in five days.

Taiwan trade group arrives today

JEDDAH, April 10 (CNA) — A 44-member trade promotion group from the Republic of China is due to arrive here Monday.

The Taiwan trade group is organized by the China External Trade Development Council, a non-profit organization for the promotion of foreign trade in Taiwan. The group, led by two specialists from the CETDC, Lian Ruey-jen and Sun Han-sou, is to stay in Jeddah from April 11 to 17, in Riyadh from April 17 to 24 and in Dhahran from April 24 to 28.

Senior OIC official passes away

By Yehia Gonda

JEDDAH, April 10 — Ousmane Goundam, 60, legal adviser to the secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, passed away here Saturday hardly 48 hours after his return from cancer surgery in Paris.

Goundam joined the OIC in September 1981 with the rank of assistant secretary-general. He was formerly the prosecutor general of Senegal's Supreme Court. From 1961 to 1966, he was counselor at Senegal's Supreme Court, then president of the High Court of Justice and legal adviser to the foreign minister.

The late senior OIC official was a major intellectual figure in his country. He is the author of several books and plays, including one on slavery. He also worked for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. He wrote a basic document on human rights in developing countries during a U.N. seminar on that subject. He was also a

permanent member of the arbitration committee of the Organization of African Unity and represented his country on several occasions at international forums.

At this family's wish, Goundam was buried Sunday in holy Makkah after a funeral service at the Kaaba attended by prominent Muslim personalities, members of the diplomatic corps and the OIC staff. He is survived by a wife and three children aged 7-10.

Algoosaibi set to open Riyadh hospital ward

RIYADH, April 10 (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister and acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Algoosaibi will formally open a ward at Riyadh's Central Hospital.

The ward's new extension includes 160 beds and three operation theaters which will make the total number of beds at the hospital to 360 and the operation theaters to six.

BRIEFS

King Fahd thanked

RIYADH (SPA) — King Fahd has received a cable of thanks from Malta's President Agatha Barbara, in response to a letter of congratulations on the occasion of her country's national day.

Saudi-Yemeni ties

SANAA (SPA) — Saudi Arabian Ambassador to North Yemen Tarrad Al-Harithi Sunday conferred separately with North Yemeni Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Dr. Hassan Mekki and

Foreign Undersecretary Muhammad Ahmad Al-Iryani. The talks concentrated on developing bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

Hotel dedication

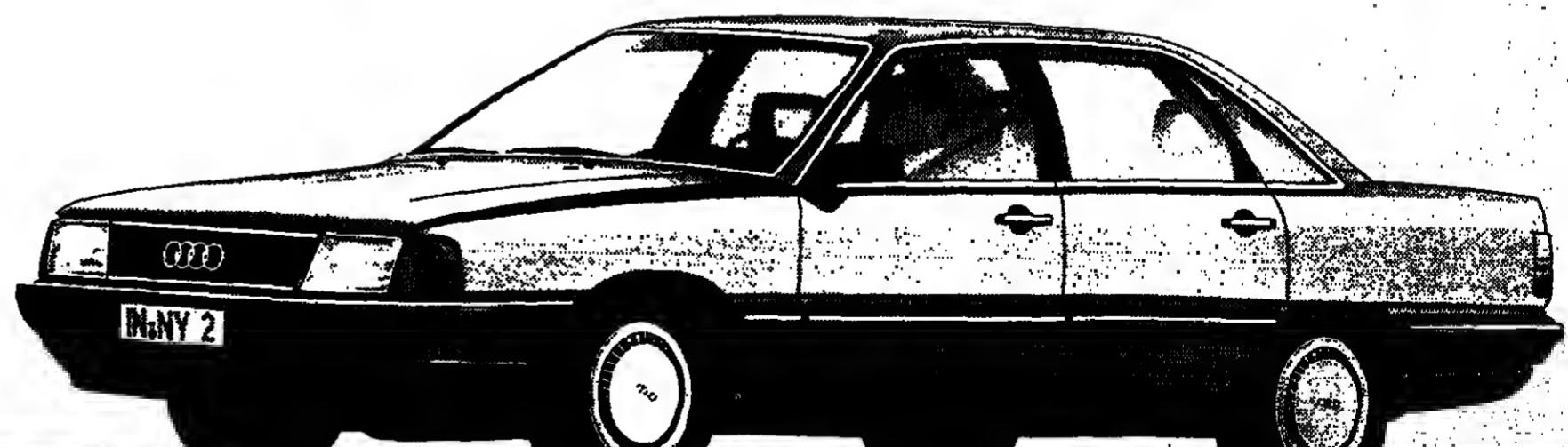
ABHA — Asir Governor Prince Khaled Al-Faisal will dedicate April 14, Al-Khamis Frantel Hotel, *Al-Madinah* reported Sunday. Prince Khaled will be accompanied by his deputy Prince Faisal ibn Bandar and by Khamis Moshait Governor Abdul Aziz ibn Moshait.

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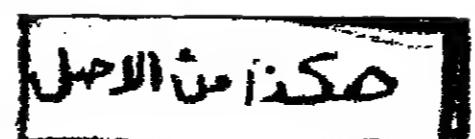
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U.S.-Saudi cooperation planned to fight fraud

JEDDAH, April 10 — The United States will use information provided by the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry to combat fraud, *Al-Madina* reported. Cooperation between the two countries and facilities to be extended to U.S. businessmen by the chamber were discussed at a recent meeting between Abdullah Sadeq Dahlan, the chamber's secretary-general, and the U.S. consul to Saudi Arabia.

At the same time, a meeting was held between Mustafa Sabri, the director of the chamber's legal department, on the one hand, and the U.S. consul and commercial attache, on the other. The American delegation requested the department to provide it with legal counsel for U.S. businessmen who deal with Saudi Arabian markets, to preserve the rights of both sides.

Sabri briefed the U.S. side on issues of interest to Saudi Arabian merchants and the ways and means to resolve certain problems. He told them that the chamber's data center could supply them with all the necessary information to help suppliers, businessmen and all U.S. firms in their business.

The official said he discussed with the American side the case of Saudi Arabian businessmen who recently fell victim to a fraud operation. The businessmen had imported some soft drinks from the United States to discover in The Hague, Holland, as the ship stopped over there, that the consignment contained fertilizers. Another Saudi Arabian businessman found out that he paid much more than he should for some items he had imported from the States. The U.S. consul and the commercial attache expressed their keen desire to cooperate to prevent such fraud and safeguard the right of both sides.



Abdullah Sadeq Dahlan

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:22	12:23	11:54	11:41	12:05	12:35
Asr (Afternoon)	3:47	3:51	3:23	3:12	3:36	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:40	6:43	6:14	6:02	6:26	6:58
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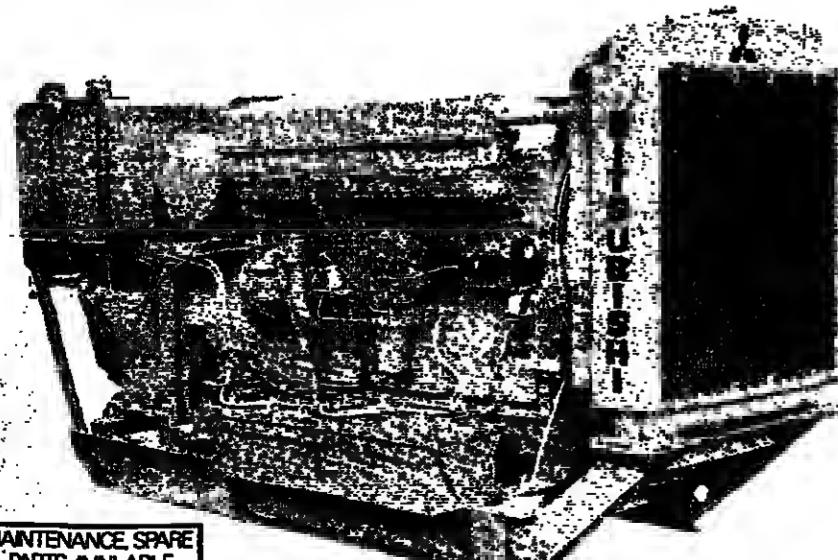
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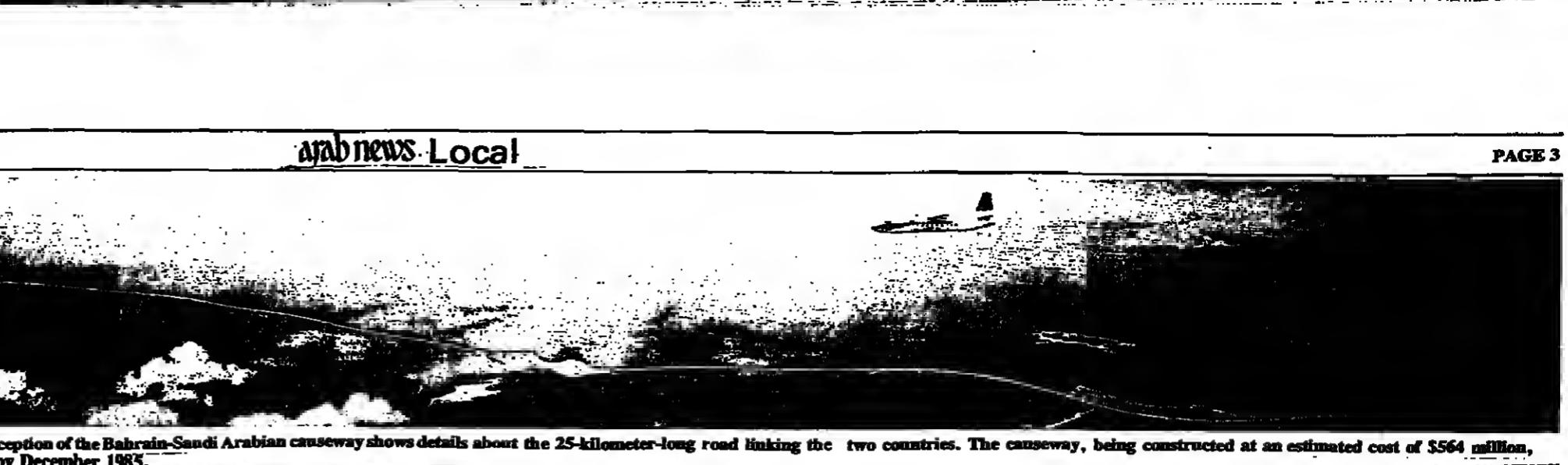


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BAHRAIN CAUSEWAY : This artist's conception of the Bahrain-Saudi Arabian causeway shows details about the 25-kilometer-long road linking the two countries. The causeway, being constructed at an estimated cost of \$564 million, is due to be completed ahead of schedule by December 1985.



SIGNING CEREMONY : A bilateral agreement is signed to initiate construction of the Bahrain-Saudi Arabian causeway. Shown here are Minister of Finance and National Economy Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil, right, and the Bahrain minister of development and industry.

Many proposals suggested

Land link idea 20 years old

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 10 — The idea of a land link between Saudi Arabia and the state island of Bahrain is at least 20 years old and the history of the project has bearing on some of the proposals discussed from time to time.

In 1969 there was a suggestion for solid causeways to seal off the shallow waters between Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Bahrain and to allow the enclosed area to dry out.

In 1972 the Saudi Arabian government promised to give the causeway special attention and implicit in that statement was a Saudi Arabian commitment to finance the plan. A recommendation shortly after this was for roads running out from each shore with a ferry to cross the two to three miles of deep water.

At this stage, the debate began on the materials to be used for the bridge. A West German engineer suggested glass-reinforced plastic which he said will be corrosion proof. Other engineers continued to think in terms of steel and concrete despite the evidence of crumbling concrete in the Gulf Hotel in Bahrain and toward the end of 1980 a prominent government building there.

The consultant appointed in 1975, Saudi Danish Consultants, a joint venture between a Riyadh-based consultant and two Danish firms, firmly believed that steel box girder bridges were the best answer. The joint technical committee established by the two governments, however, permitted alternative proposals and allowed in at the last minute



CONSTRUCTION DETAIL : This sketch shows the reinforcement necessary to strengthen the land base in order to insure the strength of the bridge and highway system. Four contractors with experience in reinforced concrete.

Through 1977-79 the debate continued. The basic design agreed in November 1976 has five bridges to cover 12 kilometers of the 25-kilometer causeway. The World Bank was called in to help the committee with pre-qualification. The result was 39 consortia, since whittled down to 18, but this number was increased to allow in the four concrete specials.

Subsequently, Hyundai Construction of South Korea was dropped from the list, because of a ruling by the Saudi Arabian government, leaving 21 bidders of which 16 submitted offers. Ultimately, a joint venture between a Saudi Arabian Bandar Ballast and Netherlands' Ballast Nedam won the biggest, prestigious contract worth \$564 million.

How will Bahrain benefit? And what will Saudi Arabia gain? Clearly, Bahrain will enjoy a substantial portion of the spin-off from the causeway with the prospect of some local participation in sub-contracts, as well as the provision of services to the 3,000 or more construction workers to work on the construction. But Saudi contractors are also to get a share of the spin-off.

SR316m Tabuk electric contracts

JEDDAH, April 10 — Two contracts totaling SR316,070,000 were signed here Saturday by Dr. Nazih Hassan Nassif, health undersecretary for executive affairs and board chairman of Tabuk Electricity Company, the local press reported Sunday.

The first SR133,120,000 contract calls for the construction of Power Generation Station No. 2 in Tabuk with a capacity of 60 megawatts. According to the terms of the contract, signed with a foreign firm, the first unit should be streamlined by the end of July, 1984, and the second on Aug. 31, 1984 to cope with the predicted load in 1984/85.

The second SR182,950,000 contract provides for the establishment of a 132 kilowatt transmission network along with two transforming stations.

SR1.3m donations

MADINAH, April 10 — The Madinah Philanthropic Society has received more donations totaling SR1.3 million, *Al-Madina* reported Sunday. The list of donors included Saleb Abdulla Kamel (SR600,000); Abdul Aziz Muhammad Al-Ahdal; Al-Jumaih Company (SR300,000); the National Development Company (NADCO) (SR100,000); Ghazi and Gbassan Ibrahim Shaker (SR50,000) and other companies and persons.

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Bahrain causeway construction proceeding ahead of schedule

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 10 — The rare feat of constructing an island has recently been performed by the builders of the 25-kilometer-long Saudi Arabia-Bahrain Causeway, according to Majid Boudien, one of the partners in the project.

Boudien, a lawyer-journalist-businessman all rolled into one and an adviser to Prince Abdul Aziz, said in an interview with *Arab News* that a 3-kilometer by half kilometer island was built with the most sophisticated technology in use in the causeway construction to strengthen the weak main island.

"The quality of sand on the main island is poor for the causeway to pass through," Boudien said.

The \$564 million causeway, "the biggest project in the Third Five-Year Development Plan with the entire cost being borne by the Kingdom," is being executed by the Bandar Ballast company in joint venture with a Dutch company, Ballast Nedam, he said.

Bandar Ballast, a Saudi Arabian company in which Boudien and Prince Bandar are shareholders, are 51 percent partners in the joint venture. The company won the contract in stiff competition with seven international companies, including a French consortium and German and Japanese companies.

Describing the special features of the causeway, whose 7-kilometer length has been completed from the Bahrain side, is a shore-to-shore connection between Al-Khalid and the island of Bahrain, Boudien said. One half of the causeway is being constructed using dams and the other half with five bridges.

These five bridges of prestressed concrete will have lengths of 990 meters, 2,050 meters, 5,150 meters, 3,405 meters and 905 meters. There will be an opening for the passage of ships with a width of 150 meters and a clear headway of 28.50 meters.

The substructure consists of prefabricated piles in pairs, the diameter of each being 3.5 meters. The superstructure consists of prefabricated concrete elements, the biggest of which weighing 1,500 tons.

A confident Boudien said the work is going apace and will be completed by December 1985, in time for the Bahrain national day celebration, although the deadline fixed for completion is Jan. 16, 1986.

The foundation stone for the causeway was laid in the middle of November, 1982, by King Fahd and Bahrain ruler Sheikh Isa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa.

The Bahraini Council of Ministers had

delegated the Industry and Development Ministry to prepare a report on the implementation of the causeway.

The Kingdom submitted proposals at a meeting in Bahrain on carrying out excavations on the Saudi Arabian side of the causeway. The proposals also called for making an archaeological survey of the pilgrimage highway running through Jordanian territory and Zobeidah Road in Iraq.

The proposals were considered of great importance and a follow-up survey was made by the Kingdom's Department of Archaeology and Museums of parts of the road located in Saudi Arabian territory.



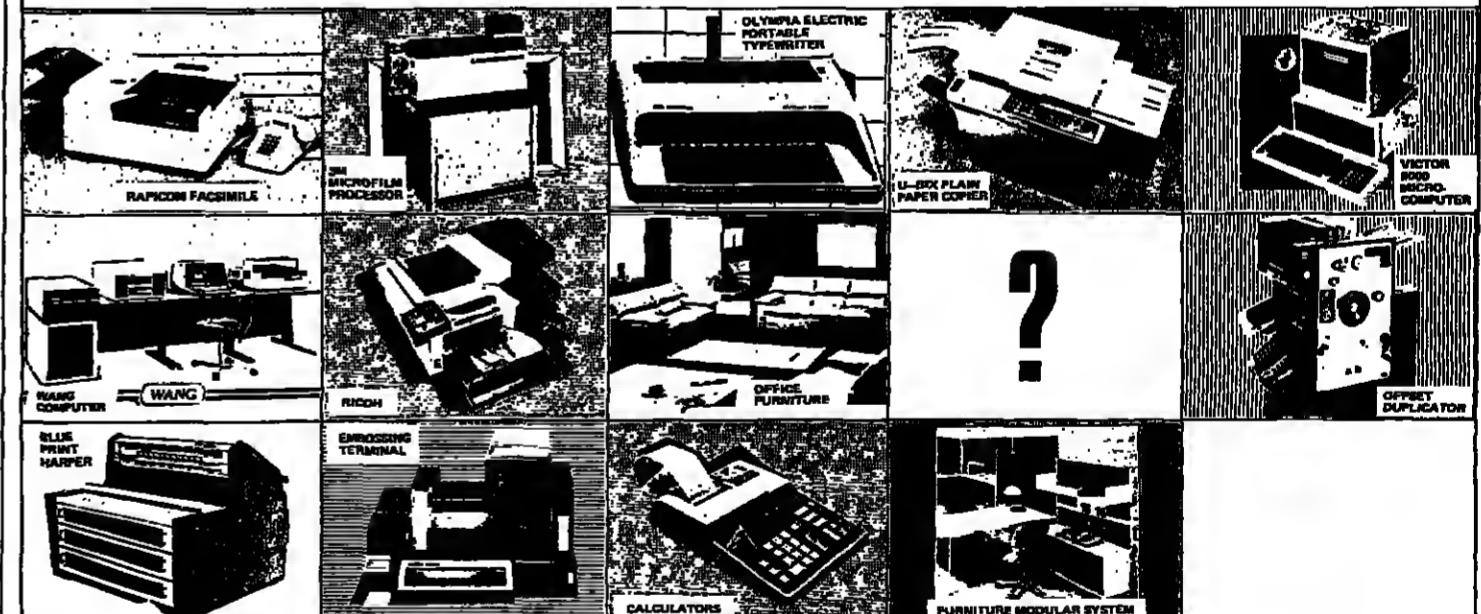
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Mubarak meets Suharto

Jakarta backs efforts for a Palestinian state

JAKARTA, April 10 (Agencies) — President Suharto of Indonesia told visiting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Sunday his country would support any Arab attempt to establish an independent Palestinian state.

State Secretary Sudharmono told reporters Suharto gave the assurance in a two-hour meeting with Mubarak, who arrived here Saturday on the final leg of an Asian tour which has also taken him to China, North Korea and Japan. Indonesia would back any Middle East peace plan acceptable to the Arab world, Sudharmono said.

Mubarak and Suharto held talks "in a friendly, candid, open atmosphere" and found that their countries' positions were "generally without differences," Sudharmono said.

The Egyptian ambassador to Indonesia, Wagh Muhammad Roushy, told Agence France-Presse after the talks that "complete understanding" had characterized the discussions, which centered on the Middle East and Cambodian problems.

Concerning the Arab World's split with Egypt over its signing of the Camp David accord with Israel, Sudharmono told his journalists that Egypt had "expressed its hope that Indonesia would understand" the situation.

"I think that our position on the Middle East is clear," Sudharmono said. Indonesia has supported the Arab peace proposal made at Fez, Morocco, in mid-September but has never made known its opinion of a peace settlement proposed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan in early September.

Asked about Indonesia's position on the Reagan plan, Sudharmono said: "Indonesia supports any plan, be it Camp David, the Reagan plan or the Fez proposal. The point is that we are on the Arabs' side seeking the best settlement to the Middle East problem. He said Indonesia supports "the most realistic, the best solution. We defend the independence of Palestine."

He added that Suharto had asked the Egyptian leader to help explain Indonesian policy in the former Portuguese colony of East Timor to African countries before a United Nations General Assembly vote on the issue, due to take place later this year.

Hussein's brother, Abu Ghazala confer

MANAMA, April 10 (Agencies) — The brother of Jordanian King Hussein was reported to have met in Cairo with the defense minister of Egypt amid signs of Arab realignment over the Palestinian issue.

Prince Muhammed discussed "issues of mutual interest" during his meeting with Gen. Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala on Saturday. No further details were given.

The meeting would be the first in Cairo involving a high-level Jordanian official since 17 Arab countries, including Jordan, blacklisted Egypt in 1979 for its peace treaty with Israel.

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INVESTIGATION TOUR: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, wearing helmet and eye-protector, seen during an inspection tour of the Nippon Steel Corporation, Osaka, Japan, on Friday. Mubarak held bilateral talks with Japanese leaders and then proceeded to Indonesia where he met President Suharto.

In Geneva

Crucial Afghan talks begin today

GENEVA, April 10 (R) — United Nations special envoy Diego Cordovez meets officials from Afghanistan and Pakistan separately here Monday in resumed efforts to find a political solution to the Afghan political crisis.

His discussions with the Afghan and Pakistani deputy foreign ministers will be held at the Palais des Nations, the world organization's European headquarters.

The talks are scheduled to last until April 22, but could be extended or shortened if necessary, U.N. officials said.

The meetings will be separate because Pakistan, which borders Afghanistan on the south and east, does not recognize the Soviet-backed government of Babrak Karmal which took power in late 1979.

After an initial session of procedural talks on Friday, Cordovez told reporters that negotiations had already become substantive

Rawlings in Libya

ABIDJAN, April 10 (R) — Ghanaian leader Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings has paid a one-day visit to Tripoli to address a symposium on Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi's political thought, Accra radio reported Sunday.

The broadcast monitored in Abidjan said Finance and Economic Planning Secretary (minister) Kwesi Botchwey went with him.

Besides the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, demanded repeatedly by the U.N. General Assembly, the world organization is seeking the return home of Afghan refugees who, according to Pakistani estimates, total three million in Pakistan and 1.5 million in neighboring Iran.

Iraq is boycotting the Geneva talks on the ground that anti-Afghan government Mujahideen are not represented. It also stayed away from a previous round here last June.

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New settlement plan on anvil

TEL AVIV, April 10 (AP) — The settlement department of the World Zionist Organization will present the Israeli government with a settlement plan which foresees a population of 1.2 million Jews in the occupied West Bank by the year 2010.

Zeev Ben-Yosef, the spokesman for the non-government agency which takes part in settlement planning, told the Associated Press that the plan would be completed within a month and would be presented for cabinet approval in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture.

The blueprint, outlined in detail on Israeli television Saturday, was revealed a day after the United States made clear it would step up pressure on Israel to freeze settlements if Jordan's King Hussein entered peace talks with Israel.

In reaction to the State Department announcement, a senior Israeli official said Israel would continue its settlement policy. The official, who asked not to be identified, added that the Arabs were using the settlements as an excuse not to join the Mideast peace process.

The plan being prepared by the WZO, which represents world Jewry, recommends putting up 165 Jewish settlements by the year 2010, with a Jewish population of 1.2 million — equal to the projected Arab population.

Currently, there are about 100 Jewish settlements with a population of some 25,000 but it is hard to arrive at exact figures because various bodies deal with settlement projects.

Some of the projects recommended in the plan, which is the third WZO settlement master plan, are already under construction.

By 1986, the WZO plan envisions a Jewish population of 120,000 in the West Bank which Israel took from Jordan in the 1967 six-day war. Previous forecasts put the number at 100,000 by 1987.

The thrust of the settlement projects would focus on the strategically important strip between the Arab city of Jenin in the northern West Bank, and the Arab city of Hebron in the south.

The plan recommends enlarging the existing Jewish towns, such as Acre and El Kana, which are still in initial development stages but which would eventually house most of the Jewish population.

It also suggests focusing attention on building plants and factories to provide employment. Most of the Jewish settlers travel to work in Israel.

Israel television said that the plan calls for an investment of 100 billion shekels (\$2.5

Sikhs condemn

Assam massacre

ISLAMABAD, April 10 (AP) — The leader of 3,000 Sikh pilgrims arriving from India condemned the "massacre of Muslims" in Assam state and lashed out at the Soviet military occupation of Afghanistan, stressing that the Sikhs were opposed to violence in any part of the world.

Sardar Tota Singh also backed the Pakistani offer of a co-war pact with India.

Commenting on the Sikhs' political demands, he hoped however that the issue would be solved in a "democratic way".

billion) by 1986, 60 percent of it from government funding. The report did not specify where the rest of the money would come from.

The Israeli government is soon to examine a three-year plan aimed at tripling the West Bank's Jewish population from its current level. The plan, which foresees construction of 19,000 housing units within the next three years, was viewed as further evidence of Israel's intention to pursue its drive to crowd the occupied territory with Jewish settlements despite global protests.

Israeli radio quoted a source close to Prime Minister Menahem Begin as insisting there was "no power in the world, including the United States" that could force Israel to put an end to its settlements in, or to evacuate, the West Bank.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT (AP) — Israeli Army vehicles came under new attacks south of here Sunday, when a tank ran over a mine at Kfar-Shima and a patrol vehicle was hit by an explosion at Jiyeh, Lebanese official radio reported. There were no immediate reports of casualties. An Israeli spokesman declined to confirm or deny the report.

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Saturday its forces killed four Iranian soldiers during the past 24 hours of fighting in the Gulf war. An Iraqi high command communiqué said Iraqi artillery shelled the Iraqi border town of Zurbatiyah, damaging several civil installations.

ABU DHABI (WAM) — Fahmi Ahmad Al Haj, Djibouti minister of industry and development arrived here Sunday on a short visit to the UAE. Al Haj said on arrival that he carried a message to Rashid Abdulla, minister of state for foreign affairs from Maamoun Farah, the Djibouti foreign minister dealing with bilateral relations and issues of mutual interests.

ABU DHABI (WAM) — UAE President Sheikh Zaid ibn Sultan Al-Nahyan and other Supreme Council members and rulers of the different emirates will attend Monday the celebrations marking the inauguration of a new air base and the graduation of the batch of pilots.

ABU DHABI (WAM) — Sheikh Ahmad Abdul Aziz Al Mubarak, head of the Sharjah Court left here Sunday for Amman to participate in the second conference of the Islamic Research Center. The four-day meeting starting Monday will discuss religious research on the Islamic civilization and its impact on the world's culture.

CAIRO (AP) — Pakistani Deputy Chief of Staff Gen. Saur Khan, currently at the end of a 10-day visit to Egypt, Sunday had talks with Egyptian Defense Minister Abd Halim Abu Ghazala.

BEIRUT (AP) — One Israeli soldier was killed and at least three others wounded in several separate attacks against the Israeli Army in Lebanon Sunday, an Israeli spokesman said.

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2 visiting congressmen convinced

U.S. out to 'topple' Sandinistas

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, April 10 (AP) — Two U.S. congressmen on a Central American tour said Saturday they are convinced the United States is trying to topple the left-wing Sandinista government of neighboring Nicaragua.

"It is clear that we are involved in an overthrow attempt and that the aid we are giving is not to prevent the flow of arms from Nicaragua to Salvadoran guerrillas," Representative Berkley Bedell, Democrat-Iowa, said in an interview. Bedell and Representative Robert Torricelli, Democrat-New Jersey, left here for Managua, Nicaragua, after a two-day visit with a delegation that included former U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador Robert White.

Congress passed an amendment last December prohibiting the use of aid money to attempt to overthrow the Managua government, and both congressmen said they believed U.S. officials were violating the amendment. Torricelli, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said when he mentioned this to U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte, the ambassador told him "we

'Retired' lovers pay with lives

MESSINA, Sicily, April 10 (AFP) — Police tracked an 82-year-old resident of a retirement home to a shack in an impoverished section of the city Saturday night and arrested him for the fatal shooting of two men and the wounding of three women.

Authorities said that Michele Molina, enraged by the attentions the two men allegedly were paying to 67-year-old Rosa Bertolani, pulled a pistol at the lunch table at the Villa Serena Retirement Home and opened fire.

Police said Molina had warned Salvatore Ruggi, 68, and Mario Tuccio, 72, several times to stop "courting" Mrs. Bertolani. She was wounded in the shooting spree as were another woman resident and a social worker.

According to the police report, Molina slipped out of Villa Serena after the shooting and took a bus to his family home here.

American officials analyze justice system in Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, April 10 (R) — Five U.S. officials arrived in El Salvador Saturday to analyze the country's controversial justice system, a member of the party said.

Dona Jean Hirnak from the U.S. State Department said the team would stay for a week at the request of El Salvador's government to review a justice system which has come under sharp criticism from human rights groups and U.S. officials. "Right now, we are only here to listen. The Salvadorans asked us to come and help them reform their justice system. Whether that involves financial or technical help we are not really sure yet," she said.

Human rights groups allege the many murders are committed by military or paramilitary groups and suspects are often never charged or, if charged, come to trial.

The other members of the party were Scott Gudgeon and John Hamilton from the State Department, John Paul Galligan from the Defense Department and Robert McGehee from the Agency for International Development (AID). Hirnak said a sixth member from the U.S. Aid Mission in Honduras was due to join the team.

Meanwhile, leftist guerrillas blacked out the eastern third of El Salvador, cut the country in half with roadblocks and burned vehicles Saturday to avenge the death of a top rebel commander in Nicaragua.

Military garrisons in El Salvador were put on a state of alert as the rebel attacks spread to most of the country, the Defense Ministry

Danish youths indulge in riots

COPENHAGEN, April 10 (AP) — Police reported dozens of arrests Saturday after young activists disrupted a function to honor victims of occupied Denmark's World War II liberation fight, then went on a stone-throwing rampage in downtown Copenhagen.

It was the latest outbreak of street violence in a long-running campaign by the BZ Brigade, a group protesting lack of low-rent housing and youth centers in Copenhagen's Noerrebro district. "I think it's worse today than before," said Police Superintendent Erik Reher, who estimated 400-500 youths took part. "They've thrown just about everything at us."

One officer was hit by a stone and slightly injured, Reher said. He said 28 persons had been arrested by mid-afternoon, charged with destruction of property and assaulting police officers, and the total was likely to increase. Police had orders to avoid confrontations but were clearing street barricades, Reher said. Youths occupied two derelict buildings, but Reher said they rushed out through rear doors as police went inside to flush them out.

Windows of several shops were broken. Furniture was taken from a boutique and Reher said many were thrown into a nearby cemetery.

Hawaii lava flow continues

VOLCANO, Hawaii, April 10 (AP) — Kilauea Volcano fell silent Saturday, but lava from its latest eruption continued flowing through a remote hillside subdivision where it destroyed several homes, authorities said.

"We can't really say the eruption is over," said Jon Erickson, spokesman for Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. "When it stops, it stops." About 150 residents of the Royal Gardens subdivision, routed Friday and Saturday for the third time since the volcano began its eruption Jan. 3, had been ordered evacuated Friday as a wall of lava — some 5 meters high and 300 meters wide — approached their homes on the volcano's

can't let legal trivialities get in the way of our objectives," Torricelli and Bedell said they were disappointed that Negroponte would not comment more on the extent of American activities to members of Congress, and Bedell added that was one factor that made him think the United States was playing a major part in anti-Sandinista activities.

Nicaragua accuses the United States and Honduras of arming, training and directing the rebel movement. The State Department has refused to confirm or deny the charges, while Honduras has denied them. Torricelli said he was bothered by statements by Gen. Gustavo Alvarez, head of the armed forces here, that Nicaragua and Honduras could not co-exist under the present circumstances and that "the status quo cannot be maintained. Central America must go one way or the other."

The congressmen met with President Roberto Suazo Cordova as well as Alvarez and Negroponte. On Saturday, they visited a refugee camp of Nicaraguans and talked to Honduran troops at the Nicaraguan border point of Las Manos. The delegation also met with the mothers of about 40 Hondurans who have vanished in the past two years. Torricelli said he received a promise from Suazo Cordova to review the cases on an individual basis.

In Managua, the congressmen were to meet with government leaders and possibly travel to areas near the Honduran border where there have been recent clashes between Nicaraguan troops and rebels.

Meanwhile in Managua, the ruling Sandinistas said that "the war situation" in the north country could worsen and told Nicaraguans to prepare for more shortages of food and basic goods.

The Sandinista National Liberation Front, the ruling political-military organization, blamed the United States and Honduras for the insurgency but said in a communiqué late Friday it was willing to talk with the two countries to seek a solution to the conflict. Calling the fighting an "undeclared war" by the United States against Nicaragua, the front said "the North American aggression against our country has escalated to a new dimension." "But Nicaragua is willing to have a dialogue with those two governments and seek solutions on terms proposed by Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Spain

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Zhao projects Europe as potential partner

PEKING, April 10 (AFP) — China wants a "strong and united" Europe capable of counterbalancing the "expansionist policy of the superpowers," the agency said. He added that he wished to see Europe playing a "stronger role" in balancing the influence of the United States and the Soviet Union.

He was speaking during a meeting Saturday with a delegation of the Western European Union, an organization set up in 1948, the New China News Agency said Sunday. The group consists of members of the parliaments of six European countries, who meet periodically to discuss political, economic and military questions.

Zhao's stress on Europe as a potential partner came at a time when Chinese-U.S. relations are sharply deteriorating. Analysts said the statements may signal a Chinese turn toward Europe — rather than the United States — to modernize its economy.

Zhao said China and the union delegation, led by Sir Frederick Bennett, had expressed "common positions and similar views on con-

taining hegemonism and opposing the expansionist policy of the superpowers," the agency said. He added that he wished to see Europe playing a "stronger role" in balancing the influence of the United States and the Soviet Union.

The statements reflected the relatively new Chinese approach of remaining distant from both superpowers, and championing efforts to offset their strengths — both in Europe and in the Third World.

After years of attacks on Soviet "hegemonism," Peking last year began offering increasingly strident condemnations of the United States. Zhao also said strong possibilities existed for cooperation between China and Western Europe, although he expressed regret about "obstacles and difficulties arising from the different social systems."

"We need each other," Zhao said, expressing a wish for "more creativity and a breakthrough" in technical and economic cooperation between Europe and China.

Rain halts riggers

King Kong model fails to rise

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP) — Workers trying to inflate a gigantic model of King Kong moored to the top of the Empire State Building quit for the night Saturday after wind, rain and a tear in the ape's neck made the job too difficult.

The giant-size balloon was being inflated as part of a promotion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1933 film, *King Kong*, a version of the classic tale *Beauty and the Beast*. It features a giant ape who, in perhaps the best-remembered scene, climbed atop the Empire State Building, then the tallest in the world. "If the weather's good, we'll continue tomorrow," said Robert Vicino of San Diego, president of Robert Keith Company, the balloon's designer. Efforts to rig the balloon have been plagued with problems since

they started Thursday. In Saturday's effort, workers began rigging the 3,000 pound (1,360 kg), 84-foot (25.6 meters) inflatable gorilla at 5:30 p.m. local time (1030 GMT) during an evening that included several rainbows. The inflation process started two hours later.

Kong's body had taken shape and only his head remained uninflated when weather and the tear caused the riggers to call it a night at 11 p.m. (0400 GMT). The balloon's gigantic fingers, complete with "fingernails," waved delicately in the wind, and its round torso clung to the south side of the building's tower. Vicino said he decided to stop for the night after 45-60 miles per hour (72-97 kph) winds caused a rip in Kong's neck.

2 jailed for anti-Yugoslav activity

BELGRADE, April 10 (AP) — Two ethnic Albanian Yugoslavs have been sentenced to jail terms for hostile activity against Yugoslavia, a press report said here Saturday.

The report in Sunday's issue of the leading daily *Pozitika* said the two were tried in the district court at Skopje in two separate trials in that southern city, capital of state Macedonia. Arslan Resiti, 23, of the town of Tetovo, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, and Dzelandin Rustemi, 39, from a village near Skopje, was given six years, it said.

Resiti was a member of an "illegal counter-revolutionary organization" which was active in the Tetovo region from 1980 to 1982, the report said. The court also found he distributed "hostile leaflets" canvassed for new members for the organization, the paper said.

Rustemi had close links with "hostile Albanian emigres" while he was working in West Germany in 1981 and 1982, and organized or took part in anti-Yugoslav demonstrations in Western Europe in connection with the demonstrations in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo, the report added.

Idi Amin plans to return home

MANAMA, April 10 (AP) — Exiled Ugandan leader Idi Amin said Sunday he was planning to return home and lead underground guerrilla factions against the Kampala regime of President Milton Obote.

"I am very proud, very happy to say that my people have asked me to return to Uganda and lead them in a war of liberation against the tyranny of Obote," said Amin in a telephone conversation with the Associated Press. The conversation was initiated by Amin when called from his exile.

He said that a delegation of Ugandan tribal chieftains and politicians visited him recently and offered a "detailed plan for my return and struggle to topple the Obote clique."

"More than 25,000 men are ready to fight for me, but they are poorly armed," he said. "And I repeat my appeal to all honest leaders of the world to help me and my people with

money, arms and medical supplies."

He claimed that a "good number of persons within the Obote inner circles are loyal to me... They have been communicating excellent information to me about the weak sides in Obote's regime."

Amin said that he insisted to the purported Ugandan delegation that "I would not like to be president again."

"First of all, let's concentrate on the liberation war," he told the delegation. "Afterward, I will have my new political party, which would set an example of democracy. It will be strictly through a democratic process — free elections — that I would return to the presidency of Uganda."

Amin refused to say when he would be returning to Uganda, insisting that "this is my tightly kept secret, or I would be risking running into an Obote ambush."

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Indian intelligence official said taking up job in U.S.

CALCUTTA, April 10 (AP) — N.F. Santook, chief of India's top intelligence agency, mysteriously left the country for the United States to take a job there on the eve of his scheduled retirement, *The Telegraph* newspaper of Calcutta said Saturday.

On the night of March 30, Santook, chief of the Research and Analysis Wing, or "RAW," as the agency is popularly known, "left for the U.S. without handing over charge. He is believed to have taken up a job there... The incident has baffled government circles," the independent daily reported, giving no source for its front-page story.

In New Delhi, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's spokesman declined to comment on the report. But essentials of it were denied by a top intelligence adviser to the government who helped found "RAW" and direct it until 1977.

The Telegraph said a successor had not yet been formally appointed and Santook's deputy, G.K. Sareen, was put in acting charge. Former "RAW" official K. Sankaran Nair told the Associated Press that "the story as read to me is false." Nair said although he does not know Santook's exact whereabouts, he does know that Sareen was named as

his successor and "was properly installed in the normal course of business... in proper fashion."

The officers of "RAW" planned a farewell party in New Delhi March 30 for Santook, who was to retire the next day, but Santook abruptly left the country, *The Telegraph* reported.

Little is known about "RAW" except that it is a super-secret agency responsible directly to the prime minister for collecting foreign and domestic intelligence and headquartered in a modernistic building in New Delhi.

According to popular legend, "RAW" operatives maintain contact with agents of the Soviet KGB, American CIA, and other foreign intelligence bodies. Neither "RAW" nor its officers are listed in India's public telephone or government directories and the agency has no spokesman.

During the New Delhi summit of the 100-nation nonaligned movement last month, "RAW" officials were called to help protect the heads of state and revolutionary leaders assembled in India from potential assassination, terrorist attack and hostile demonstrations. The summit came off without serious incident.

Gandhi, E.T. are Oscar favorites

LOS ANGELES, April 10 (R) — Films about a leader of millions and a friendly little character from outer space are favorites to win the biggest share of Oscars in a star-studded show here Monday night.

Gandhi and *E.T. The Extraterrestrial*, are tipped in Hollywood to collect most of the awards. They would both do so without having a recognized star in the main roles. Indian leader Gandhi was the first film role of actor Ben Kingsley, while *E.T.* has become the world's most famous make-believe space orphan.

Between them, the Anglo-Indian *Gandhi* and *E.T. The Extraterrestrial* have received 20 nominations for the golden statuettes presented each year by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Kingsley, an Anglo-Indian whose family comes from the same village as Gandhi, has been nominated for the award for best actor.

Actor-turned-director Sir Richard Attenborough, who spent 20 years raising the money and making the three-hour, \$22-million *Gandhi*, is among nominees for best director. He was chosen by the Directors Guild of America as the year's best director and only twice in 35 years has the guild winner failed to go on to collect an Oscar.

One of those Attenborough has to beat is Steven Spielberg, who has watched his \$11 million *E.T.* become the biggest box office success in history, earning over \$600 million so far. Both films have also been nominated

for best actress. Julie Andrews has been nominated for a second Oscar for best actress, for her role as a starving singer who conquers Paris as a polish count impersonating women, "a double switch."

And John Lithgow hopes to win the Oscar for best supporting actor for his role as a transsexual in *The World According to Garp*. Along with Kingsley and Hoffman in the contest for best actors are Paul Newman, who played a lawyer in *The Verdict*, Irish actor Peter O'Toole, a matinee idol in *My Favorite Year* and Jack Lemmon searching for his son in *Missing*.

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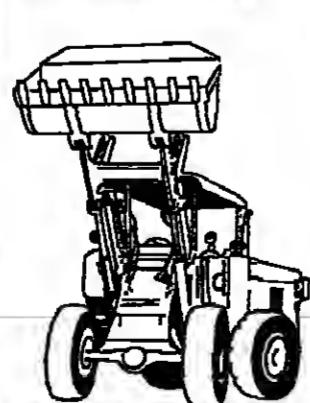
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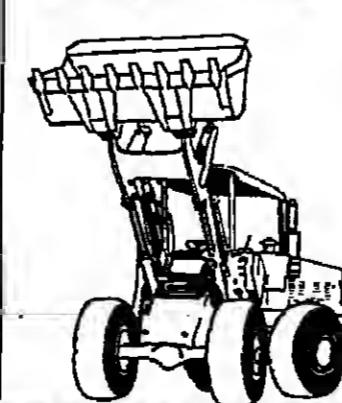
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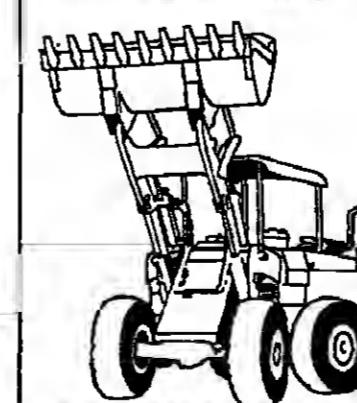
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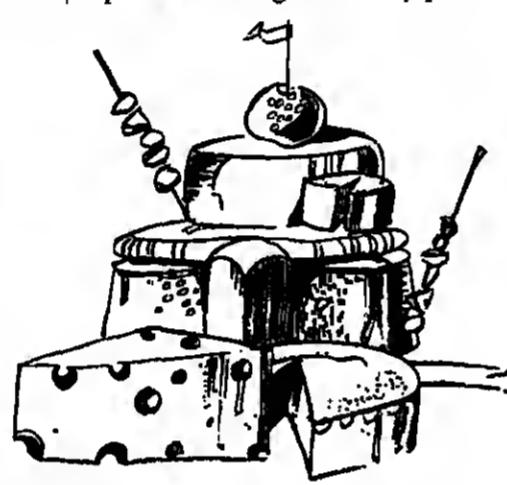
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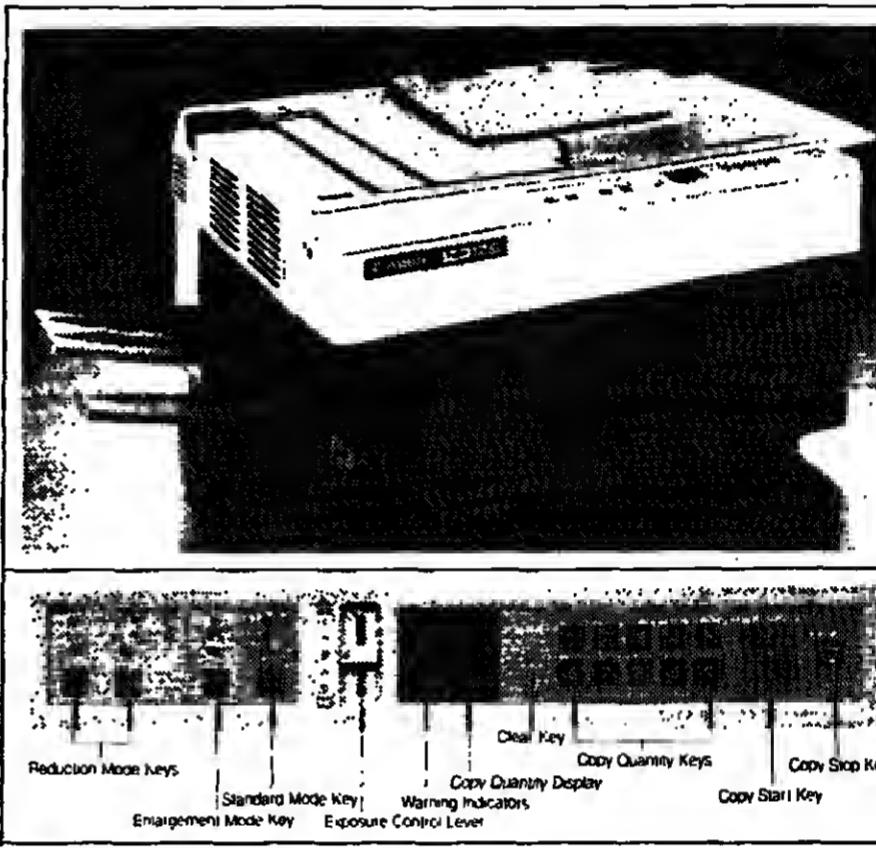
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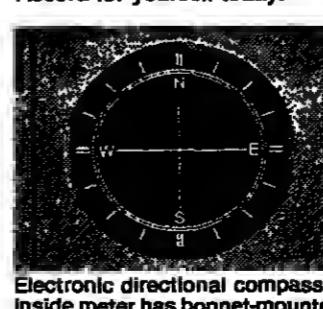


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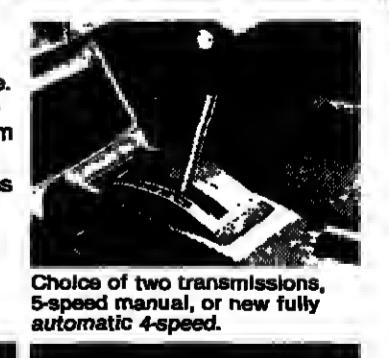
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odgers' imitations exposed

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP) — Charlie Lea retired the first 17 batters and Tim Raines keyed a five-run fifth with a two-run single as the Montreal Expos whipped the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-2 Saturday in a baseball game marred by a bunting by Dodger's outfielder Mike Marshall. Lea pitched perfect baseball before pinch-hitter Ron Roenicke doubled with two outs in the sixth. Lea, who bunted a no-hitter two years ago against San Francisco, lost his bid for a shutout when Dusty Baker homered in the seventh.

Lea pitched 6 2-3 innings and gave up five hits, including a run-scoring single by Bill Russell in the seventh, before Jeff Reardon came on in relief for the Expos.

Before Reardon finished up, he hit Marshall in the front part of the batting helmet with a hard pitch in the ninth inning. The young Dodger dropped face-first into the dirt, holding his head for several minutes before he was escorted from the game. There was no immediate report on his condition.

Dodgers' starter Bob Welch allowed only one hit during the first four innings before encountering trouble in Montreal's game-breaking fifth. Doug Flynn singled home one run, Raines homered two more and one out later, Welch surrendered a walk which allowed two additional runs to score.

In another National League action, Joaquin Andujar fired a five-hitter and stuck out a career-out nine and George Hendrick delivered a two-run single in the seventh inning to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 5-0 victory over the New York Mets.

Bob Watson bounces a run-scoring surge in the ninth inning to snap a 5-5 tie and send Atlanta Braves to a 6-5 victory over the San Diego Padres. Gary Mathews cracked a two-run homer and two singles and Philadelphia Phillies took advantage of wildness by San Francisco pitchers to beat the Giants 5-4 for their maiden victory.

Roeyster homered and doubled to drive in four runs, highlighting a 13-hit attack that carried Cincinnati Reds to an 8-4 victory over the winless Chicago Cubs. In an NL night action, Larry McWilliams allowed two hits, pitching the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 1-0 decision over the Houston Astros.

In the American League, Jerry Martin stroked three hits, including an inside-the-park home run, and Larry Gura scattered six hits in the eighth inning to lead the Kansas City Royals past the Milwaukee Brewers 5-2. An eighth-inning rally triggered Toronto to a 7-4 win over the New York Yankees. A six-run eighth inning, spurred Cleveland past Baltimore 8-4. The Chicago-Detroit game was called by rain.



SWINGING IN THE RAIN: England-born Peter Oosterhuis is caught swinging in the rain, which had washed out second day's play in the Masters Golf Championship at Georgia. With an umbrella in one hand and a club in another he effects a practice swing when the rain had eased up Friday.

Canucks keep in the fray

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP) — Stan Smyl rifled home a 40-foot shot with 57 seconds left in the game Saturday night to give Vancouver a 5-4 victory over the Calgary Flames and prolong the hopes of the Canucks in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Smyl beat Calgary goaltender Rejean Lemelin from the top of the right circle on a pass from Ivan Hlinka after Vancouver's Dave Williams took a heavy hit in the Canuck zone and fed a breakaway pass to Hlinka. Rick Lanz scored two goals for Vancouver.

In other matches, Tony McKeegney tapped in a rebound with 4:10 left in the third period and Mike Ramsey added an empty-net goal to power Buffalo to a 4-2 victory over Montreal, as the Sabres knocked the Canadiens from the NHL playoffs in three games.

John Van Boermer and Lindy Ruff scored Buffalo's first two goals. Mats Naslund of Sweden and Steve Shutt tallied for Montreal. Goalie Bob Sauve, who shut out the Canadiens 1-0 and 3-0 in the series' first two games, blocked 28 shots. Buffalo now plays the winner of the Boston Bruins-Quebec

Nordiques series.

Boston leads that series 2-1 after rookie defenseman Randy Moller's power-play goal late in the second period proved to be the winner for the Quebec Nordiques who avoided elimination with a 2-1 victory.

Rob McClanahan and Anders Heberg each scored two goals and McClanahan added two assists as the New York Rangers completed a sweep of their playoff series with Philadelphia by routing the flyers 9-3.

Doug Wilson scored a first period goal and set up Yves Savard for a score in the same period, leading the Chicago Black Hawks to a 2-1 triumph over the St. Louis Blues. By winning, Chicago grabbed a two to one edge in the best-of-five Norris Division semifinal series.

Bob Bourne and Bryan Trottier scored two goals apiece as the New York Islanders whipped the Washington Capitals 6-2 and took a 2-1 lead.

A goal by center Ken Linseman at 18:46 of the third period lifted the Edmonton Oilers to a 4-3 win over the Winnipeg Jets and into the quarterfinals.

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On a day marred by rain and Nicklaus' withdrawal Morgan turns in a masterly display

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 10 (AP) — Gil Morgan, wearing fisherman's foul-weather headgear against the rain, fought his way to a one-stroke lead Saturday in the uncompleted second round of the Masters, which was played with Jack Nicklaus injured on the sidelines.

The round was called by darkness with six players — including Morgan — stranded on the rain-soaked Augusta National Golf Club Course.

Horace Hardin, chairman of this weather-plagued tournament, announced that the round will be completed Sunday morning, followed by the third round. The fourth round now is scheduled for Monday.

Nicklaus, the only five-time winner of this tournament and holder of a record 17 major professional titles, suffered a recurrence of a chronic back condition and withdrew, walking slowly and painfully to the clubhouse in a drizzling rain moments before he was due to tee off.

"It's no big deal," insisted the 43-year-old Nicklaus. "My back spasmed and I withdrew. It's no big deal."

It was, however, only the second time in his professional career he had withdrawn from a tournament and marked the first time in a quarter-century that the second round of a Masters had been played in his absence.

The tournament schedule was disrupted Friday when day-long rains washed out play. Intermittent showers, occasionally heavy, fell Saturday, once causing a 32-minute delay that, eventually, proved critical.

Morgan, holding the lead at seven-under-par for the tournament, and his playing partners, Jack Renner and Ray Floyd, still had two holes to play when they stopped.

The six players who were unable to finish play Saturday marked their position on the course and will return Sunday morning to complete the round. The cut then will be made to the low 44 scorers and all within 10 shots of the leader.

Seve Ballesteros, the dashing Spaniard who won this title in 1980, had one hole to play and, at that point, was one shot back of Morgan at six-under-par for the tournament. Floyd was five-under with two holes to play. Bill Fergus had a 69 and was at 139, five-under-par at the halfway point.

Jodie Mudd, who turned pro immediately after finishing as the low amateur in the 1982 Masters, and Nick Faldo, a three-time British PGA champion, were next at 140. Mudd had an eagle-3 on the 15th hole on the way to a second-round 68. Faldo shot a 70, including a chip-in birdie on the final hole.

Tom Watson, twice a winner here and the current U.S. and British Open title-holder, defending Masters champion Craig Stadler and Fred Couples were at 141. Couples had a 68. Stadler got a par 72 despite a ball in a pond that produced a double bogey and Watson had a 71.

Lee Trevino managed to match par 72 and

was at 143. Jack Renner, who shared the first-round lead with Floyd and Morgan, lost two shots to par and was at three-under with two holes left.

At one time or another on the rainy day, nine players either led or shared the lead, with Morgan the survivor. But he, too, had his difficulties with the weather.

He took the lead with a birdie on the third hole and moved two strokes clear of the field when he holed out from about eight feet on the sixth. But, with the heaviest showers of the day pelting down, he made bogey-6 on the eighth and bogeyed again on the ninth.

He seemed to be slipping back into the field, but got his second deuce of the day on the 12th, then soared out in front again with a

medium-range putt that produced an eagle on the 15th. But he bogeyed the 16th in the gathering gloom of an early evening and dropped back to two-under for the day and a slender shot in front.

Ballesteros, a former British Open title holder, moved to within a stroke of the lead with a string of three consecutive birdies beginning on the 13th. He reached the green on the two back-nine par-5s, the 13th and 15th, in two and 2-putted. And he made from about 15 feet (4.8 meters) on the 14th.

Nicklaus, who had an opening 73, said his

back began to tighten on him early in the day. He said he knew he was in trouble when he

went to the putting green and "tried to bend over to putt. I couldn't bend over."

Two-up Cummings bows out

DERBY, April 10 (AFP) — Alison Cummings, the 21-year-old Briton seeded fifth, ran out of patience and failed to maintain the strong home challenge in the women's singles in the British Open Championships here Saturday.

With four home internationals already assured of places in Sunday's quarterfinals, Cummings, should have increased the tally. But she inexplicably surrendered a two-game lead to the 19-year-old New Zealander Sue Devoy and lost 5-9, 6-9, 9-6, 9-6 in a third round match.

"I was in too much of a rush. I should have shown much more patience in the crucial third game," Cummings explained later. Devoy is a comparative newcomer to the international scene, having made her top class debut a little more than a year ago, but she proved far too good for Cummings, who has a growing reputation as being one of the most difficult players in the world to beat.

Although Cummings failed to win the vital third game, which would have given her victory, went down in three but put up a good fight. He shook his illustrious opponent leading 5-3 in the third before admitting defeat.

Another quarterfinalist is Egypt's Gam Awad, seeded five. Awad produced the most spectacular squash of the sixth night in beating compatriot Magdi Saad in straight games.

Cohen finishes in blaze of glory

INDIANAPOLIS, April 10 (AP) — Teen-ager Tiffany Cohen, winning every race she entered, completed her sweep of four freestyle events Saturday night with an American record for 1,650 yards (1,509 meters) in the closing session of the 1983 U.S. Swimming Short-Course National Championships.

It was the ninth national title for the 16-year-old high school junior, who also won the 200- and 1,000-yard freestyles during the four-day meet. She led the 1,650 from start to finish, ending with a time of 15 minutes, 46.54 seconds. That broke the former American record of 15:49.10 set by Kim Linehan. The sweep marked the first time in her career that Cohen took home four individual titles from a national meet.

Another American record was set on the night event when Sue Walsh, a junior at the Lee Trevino managed to match par 72 and

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In Race of Champions

Rosberg pips daring Sullivan to the post

BRANDS HATCH, England, April 10 (AP) — Reigning world champion Keke Rosberg of Finland in a Saab-Williams fought off American Danny Sullivan in a Tyrell to win Sunday's Race of Champions. Former world champion Alan Jones of Australia was third in an Arrows.

Britain's Brian Henton in a Theodore was fourth ahead of Brazil's Raul Boesel in a Ligier. France's Jean-Louis Schlesser was sixth in a March, one lap behind, and the only other car of the 13 starters to finish was the other Theodore driven by Colombian Roberto Guerrero, a further two lap behind.

The race is the only Formula One event this year which does not count for World Championship points.

Rosberg took the lead on lap 7 of the 40 lap, 104.54 mile (168.2 kms) event as early leader René Arnoux of France in a Ferrari slowed with tire troubles, retiring later. Sullivan, a 33-year old from Louisville, in his first Grand Prix season, then set out to chase Rosberg. He closed up as Rosberg's left rear tire blistered, but the experienced Finn opted not to make a tire change and held off Sullivan's attacks.

Tokashiki holds on to title with tie

TOKYO, April 10 (AFP) — World Boxing Association (WBA) junior lightweight champion Katsuji Tokashiki of Japan narrowly held on to his title when he drew with Mexican challenger Lupe Madera in a bloody 15-round match at Tokyo's Korakuen Boxing Hall Sunday.

There were no knockdowns and referee Larry Rozadilla of the U.S. awarded the fight to Tokashiki 145-144. Judge Fernando Viso of Venezuela had it 145-144 for Madera and Judge Cesar Ramos of Puerto Rico called it a 144-144 draw.

The two boxers went at it hammer and tongs from the very beginning of the bout. Madera suffered a deep cut in his head in the fifth round and blood trickled down heavily until the end. Tokashiki also suffered a cut over his right eye in the sixth and heavy nose-bleeding in the 14th. Madera, 30, was never discouraged by the head injury and beat on the attack repeatedly.

Madera took the fourth round after connecting his favorite rights to the head. But Tokashiki made it even in the sixth as he landed solid rights and lefts to the jaw. The Japanese champion also scored in the ninth and 11th round with his right straights to the face taking effect. Madera retaliated, throwing out both fists to the delight of the fans.

The Mexican then mustered every ounce of strength and took to the offensive in the 12th and 13th rounds. He punished the champion with hard rights on the jaw in the 12th. Tokashiki tottered after taking such a right and in an attempt to weather the storm, he used his elbows.

BRITISH TRAINING FOR HIGH PAY

English standings

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Q.P. Rangers	35	22	6	7	68	30	52
Wolverhampton	36	19	11	6	61	37	58
Fulham	35	18	8	9	58	39	52
Leicester	36	17	7	12	64	40	58
Leeds	35	13	10	6	45	38	55
Sheff. Wednesday	35	13	13	9	51	38	52
Barnsley	34	10	11	12	53	42	52
Oldham	36	11	8	7	52	36	51
Newcastle	35	13	12	10	56	47	51
Sheffield	36	23	11	11	56	44	52
Blackburn	36	12	10	14	48	45	46
Grimsby	32	8	16	43	61	44	44
Cambridge	36	11	10	15	37	52	43
Cardiff	36	11	9	16	62	62	42
Cheltenham	36	10	11	15	48	54	41
Derby	35	8	16	11	42	49	40

Soccer results

ITALIAN

Cosenza	2	Torino	0
Inter	2	Avezzano	0
Juvestus	5	Ascoli	0
Napoli	1	Cagliari	0
Pisa	0	Udinese	0
Roma	2	Catania	0
Sampdoria	2	Genoa	2
Verona	0	Fiorentina	1

WEST GERMAN

Antwerp Bielefeld	2	Cologne	0
Bayern Munich	3	Moenchengladbach	1
Eintracht Braunschweig	2	Hamburg	4
Eintracht Frankfurt	3	Hertha Berlin	1
Fortuna Dusseldorf	3	Schalke	2
VFL Bochum	0	VFB Stuttgart	2
Werder Bremen	0	Kaiserslautern	0
Weser Bruns	3	Nuremberg	2

FRENCH

Lens	2	Tours	1
Metzhouse	1	Toulouse	2
Bordeaux	2	Lille	0
Basin	0	Metz	3
Paris St. Germain	3	Lyon	0
Brest	3	Leval	0
St. Etienne	0	Strasbourg	0

For the last 15 laps they were virtually nose to tail. Sullivan made several attempts to get by, but said "Keke gave me a bell of a race, and he was just too much."

The American rookie tried a daring passing move outside the Saab-Williams on the last lap around the hairpin bend, but Rosberg kept him at bay. They finished about a

car length apart, the gap timed at less than half a second. Jones ran a lonely race in third. Swede Stefan Johansson, giving the new Spirit-Honda turbo its first race, started from the back of the grid after engine blowups in qualifying. He was eighth on lap 4 when the car stopped in a huge plume of steam after, the team said, a stone hit a radiator.

Britain's John Watson retired the McLaren with a transmission vibration after being fourth, and Nigel Mansell ended the Lotus-Renault turbo race after seven laps saying it was undriveable with an apparent suspension breakage. Arnoux set the fastest race lap in 1 min. 17.826 secs at an average speed of 120.897 mph (194.559 kph).

Palmer triumphs

Meanwhile, Britain's Jonathan Palmer in a Reliant-Honda won the European Formula Two Grand Prix, third event or the championship program in Hockenheim.

Gabbiani of Italy, who won the first two races, remains at the top of the championship standings. The next Formula Two event will be at Nurburgring, West Germany on April 24.

Motorcyclist dies

In Imola, Italian racer Paci died Sunday, after crashing his motorcycle at the 200-mile motorcycle race at the Dino Ferrari Speedway. Officials said doctors' efforts to save him were fruitless.

Paci died in the 200-mile tournament for motorcycles up to 750 cc. No other details of the accident were immediately available.

Argentine girls stun W. Germany

KUALA LUMPUR, April 10 (AFP) — Unfancied Argentina sprang the biggest shock on the opening day's play of the fifth women's World Cup Hockey Championships when they edged out defending champions West Germany 1-0 in a Group A game here Sunday.

In the other Group A matches Australia trounced Wales 5-1, while the United States defeated Scotland 3-0. In the only match in Group B, favorites the Netherlands carved out a hard-fought 2-1 win over Asian champions India.

Argentina, who finished third in each of the first three championships, gave a good performance, and were worthy winners. Their forwards played well and tested the German goal several times.

Argentina's goalkeeper Laura Mulhall stood out with several good saves to frustrate Germany's hopes of equalizing in the second half. The Germans also failed to convert a penalty stroke. The winning goal was scored by Alison Veronica.

Australia and the U.S. both contenders for semifinal places, also had impressive wins. Australia's Elisabeth Clement became the first player to score a hat-trick in her team's easy 5-1 win over Wales.

The Netherlands, the early favorites and top seeds, had to struggle. India sprang a surprise by dominating play in the early stages and taking the lead through Sudha Chaudhary. But the seasoned Dutch managed to gain control of the game and scored twice within five minutes. Sandra Le Poole and Boek Horst Fieke were the scorers.

Amarnath, Sharma rally Indians

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, April 10 (AP) — Mohinder Amarnath, Yashpal Sharma and Ravi Shastri, three of India's most reliable batsmen in the current Test series against the West Indies, pulled the touring team out of trouble again Saturday on the opening day of their four-day match against Barbados.

The Indians were tottering at 12 for three wickets when Amarnath, who top-scored with 61, and Yashpal, with 59, came together to add a vital 128 for the fourth-wicket.

Yashpal was caught by wicketkeeper Mike Worrell off medium pacer Neil Phillips after hitting a six and 10 fours, and Amarnath was brilliantly taken at cover by George Reifer off fast bowler Hartley Alleyne after hitting 10 fours in his two hours 35 minutes batting. Both were out in successive overs with the total at 140.

Shastri, the tall right-handed batsman from Bombay, then ensured there was not a complete collapse as he provided the guidance for the rest of the innings with a confident 58. Shastri, who hit eight fours in a stay of just over two hours, was last man out, one of three victims for West Indies Test bowler Joel Garner. Barbados was left 35 minutes batting before the close of play and, in that time, lost the wicket of Carlisle Best in reaching 21.

The Indians, who have lost three of their previous four matches against Barbados on earlier tours, were sent in to bat first after Barbados captain Gordon Greenidge won

the toss and stunned with their early setbacks. Arun Lal went to Alleyne with the total eight and then Garner dismissed Anshuman Gaekwad and Ashok Malhotra to edged catches to wicketkeeper Worrell in the same over.

Yashpal was hit on the side of the helmet and temporarily stunned by the second ball he received from Garner but recovered his composure to play a plucky innings, including a six and two fours off Garner's first over after lunch.

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Borg... the vanquished



Connors... the victor

Cornered Borg sweats it out to the bitter end

TOKYO, April 10 (AP) — Bjorn Borg bid farewell to tennis Sunday with a hard-fought loss to Jimmy Connors, his toughest rival during a decade-long scramble for supremacy of their game.

Connors played inspired and near-perfect tennis in beating the 26-year-old Sweden 6-3, 6-4 in the championship of the four-man \$250,000 Santry Cup.

It was a bittersweet finale for the five-time Wimbledon, six-time French Open winner. There was adulation from 14,700 cheering Japanese, and frustration, from losing to the man he had once supplanted, if only for a moment, as the best in the game.

Connors twice — in 1976 and 1978 — beat the Swede in the final of the U.S. Open, the one major title that eluded Borg. "Borg had more pressure on him than I did today. Because it was his last match he wanted it badly," Connors said.

In a "farewell ceremony" after the match Borg said, "In the last 10 years, I really enjoyed myself. I don't regret anything. I was very successful in tennis and hope to be as successful in life in the future."

He said he would still be involved in tennis and "play for fun," but stressed he will not play in any more tournaments. Japanese fans waved goodbye as Borg and his wife Mariana, standing in a spotlight and holding bouquets, waved back.

Martina, Tracy make final

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, Carolina, April 10 (AP) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova breezed to a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Bettina Bunge Saturday and will face No. 3 Tracy Austin in the final of the \$200,000 Family Circle Magazine Cup Women's Tennis Tournament.

Austin will get a chance at the \$34,000 top prize Sunday as a result of her 7-5, 7-5 win over Andrea Jaeger in a marathon 11-12-hour semifinal match.

Navratilova, who won the event last year, had little trouble with her opponent from West Germany, scattering service aces and breaking Bunge's serve almost at will. "I was surprised it was so quick," said Navratilova following the match. "I was able to do more with her serve because I was able to hold mine so easily."

Bunge said her opponent "Played as she was and she has been — I was just too mellow; I didn't do much of anything."

The Austin-Jaeger match was a contest characterized by monotonous backhand volleys.

The 20-year-old Austin said after her second match of the day that she would play wear Navratilova down in the same way.

In doubles action, Navratilova and Reynolds defeated Hana Mandlikova and Virginia Ruzici 6-1, 6-2 in a semifinals contest. The other semifinal, which pits Ja

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PLANS AND THE PUBLIC

Everybody who worked hard for the successful launching and conduct of the just concluded traffic and health weeks deserves to be warmly congratulated. It is difficult to measure the results of such campaigns which are largely educative, in concrete terms. And it takes time for their impact to be felt. What is important is that sincere efforts are being made from time to time to make the general public aware of the achievements of the past year in various fields and the goals set for the future.

This is the first requisite to ensuring people's whole-hearted participation in various developmental schemes going on at a feverish pitch in the Kingdom. People's involvement, in fact, is the key to the success of any plan, however grandiose it may be. If, for example, the government launches an ambitious scheme to grow more trees, the public has to be educated about the importance of the vegetation and the vital role the citizens can play in furthering this laudable objective by planting trees on their own as well as preventing the destruction of existing ones by human beings or animals. In the absence of such a campaign, the money and effort will go down the drain. This is equally true of all other schemes, more so in the case of those relating to health, cleanliness, and prevention of traffic accidents. If the streets in Japan and Singapore are kept so clean the credit goes as much to the general public as to the civic bodies directly responsible for the proper maintenance of the surroundings.

It is heartening to note that the various governmental bodies in the Kingdom are showing increasing signs of their awareness of this crucial aspect of the whole process of development. In fact, there is a strong case for making this kind of educational campaign a year-round affair, something which runs parallel to the developmental activities, rather than confining them to certain weeks in a year.

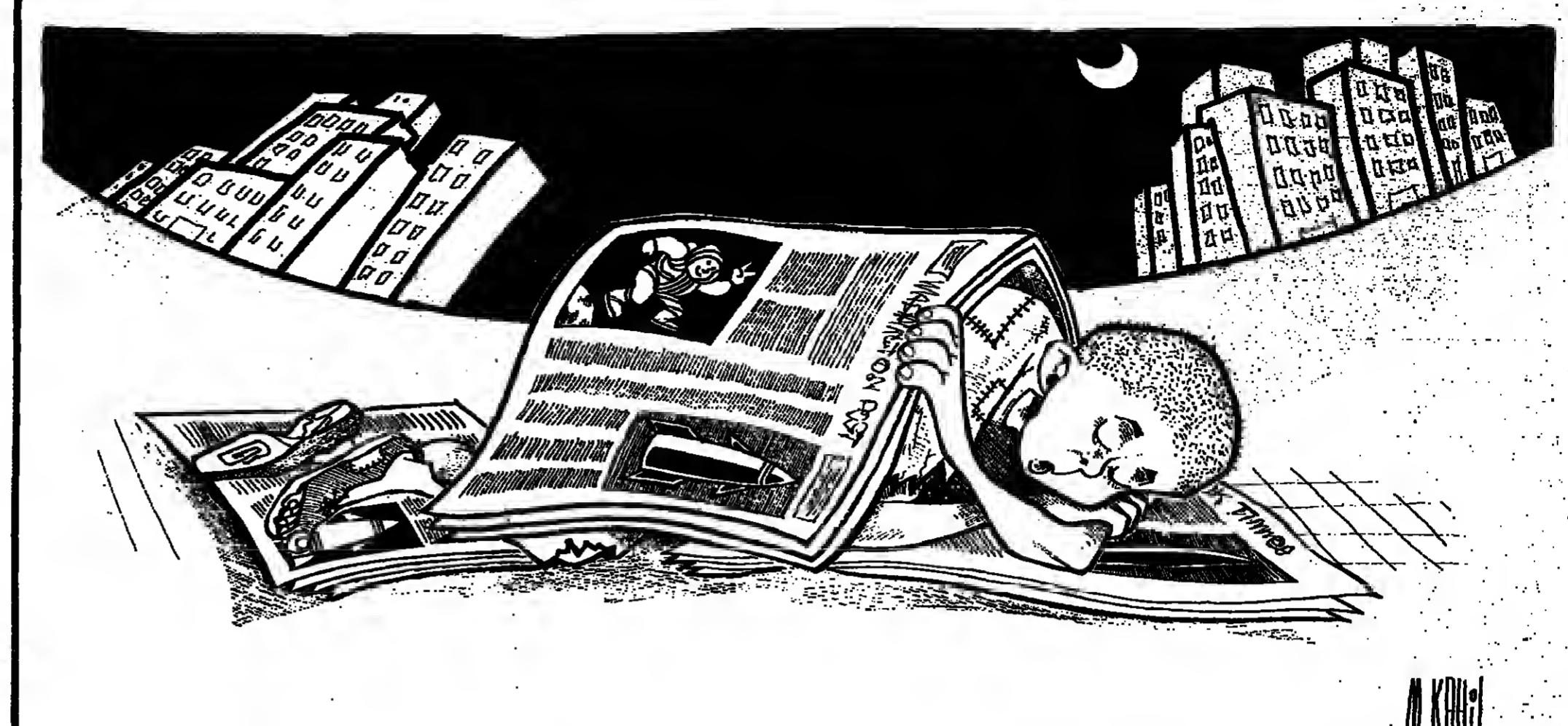
Saudi Arabian press review

The Arab summit and British Foreign Secretary Pym's statement on Middle East were the subjects of comment in the press Sunday.

Okaz underlined the importance of convening an emergency Arab summit to contain the current crucial situation in the Middle East and ensure progress in the peace process under way to bring about a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The paper said U.S. President Ronald Reagan's peace proposals included certain positive points especially a freeze on Jewish settlements in occupied territory. "But, Israel has been trying to undermine these positive points by its insistence to establish more settlements," the paper added.

The paper accused Israel of trying to limit the American role in the tripartite talks on foreign troops withdrawal from Lebanon. It said the next Arab summit should adopt a firm stand reflecting the Arab nation's will and solidarity. "Moreover, the summit should also discuss in detail a pan-Arab Middle East peace plan adopted by the Fez summit in view of the fact that it has handled the Palestine question wisely," it added.

Al-Jazirah, said the next summit would concentrate on preserving Arab solidarity and adopting a unified stand to resolve key issues. The paper said the Arab peace



Bizarre Afghan tales reflect sagging Russian morale

By Robert Gillette

MOSCOW —

A Soviet army lieutenant, borne from Afghanistan, shocked his civilian companions in a restaurant recently when he told them that he never wanted to see his comrades-in-arms again.

To the civilians at the table, Russians steeped in the sentimental reminiscences of World War II that fill popular books and magazines and a good part of Soviet television programming, the young lieutenant's attitude was incomprehensible. The officer explained simply that there is nothing about the war to sentimentalize. It is brutal and brutalizing, he told his tablemates, and the less he had to think about it the better.

In the three years since the Soviet Army installed the pro-Moscow regime of President Babrak Karmal in Kabul, about 300,000 soldiers and officers have returned from Afghanistan on regular troop rotations, according to Western military specialists. Some of them are bringing home feelings of bitterness, frustration and horror reminiscent of the American experience in Vietnam. Some have told friends and relatives about the futility of massive Soviet firepower in mountainous terrain.

There are scattered reports from returning troops about high casualties — squads and platoon-size units decimated by deaths, wounds, accidents and illness. In one instance, a Soviet officer has told friends that he was gravely injured in a chemical attack, apparently one involving Soviet-made poison gas.

The disillusioned lieutenant, for one, gave two reasons for wanting to banish his memories of Afghanistan, which he said is "ruining" good men. There are the severely wounded and crippled whose own traumas, he said, are painful to think about. Others in his unit, the lieutenant added, had debased themselves by cutting off heads and other parts of Afghan freedom fighters. Pervasive secrecy about the Afghan war and the dispersion of returning troops through a country of 271 million people spread almost halfway around the world make it hard to draw a clear and representative picture of

the Afghan war as seen through Soviet eyes.

But on the basis of comments collected over the last eight months from 15 officers and soldiers who served there — through a variety of Soviet sources — it would appear that the 105,000 Soviet troops now in Afghanistan suffer significant problems of morale and discipline. Western diplomats do not believe these problems are likely to weaken Soviet determination to stay in Afghanistan. But the experiences of Soviet troops in Afghanistan, as they spread by word of mouth, are beginning to color public impressions of the war and contribute to a broader disenchantment of Soviet youth.

Secrecy limits this impact. Soviet news media, except for a recent spate of articles about heroic Soviet soldiers, rarely publish anything resembling war news. Many returning soldiers seem reluctant to talk about the war for personal reasons.

Moreover, all military personnel, in addition to signing pledges not to have contact with foreigners, appear to live under special constraints where Afghanistan is concerned, and these may extend to troops discharged from the army.

Military officers, have provided vivid glimpses of the difficulties that Soviet forces, designed for conventional warfare in Europe, face in rooting Afghan fighters out of awesomely rugged mountain terrain. During a brief home leave last summer in the Moscow area, an air force officer serving in Afghanistan told an acquaintance that, in his judgement, the military situation there is "terrifying."

Echoing frustrations heard more than a decade ago from Americans in Vietnam, the officer complained, "you shoot but you never see anyone or anything to shoot at." He added that tanks, the mainstay of Soviet Army, have proved unwieldy and of limited value in a liberation war. "What good are tanks in the mountains?" he asked.

His perspective appeared to be that of an officer providing air support for ground operations. According to Western military specialists, the Soviets have gradually absorbed basic lessons of liberation warfare in Afghanistan and are adapting

their tactics to local conditions. Air support is said to have improved, mainly through the growing use of helicopters. In the process, however, the Soviets have turned to scorched-earth techniques, using ground forces to cordon off villages and reducing them to rubble with indiscriminate strafing and bombardment.

None of the soldiers and officers whose remarks were accessible reported having seen or heard about the use of Soviet chemical weapons in Afghanistan. Moscow has denounced as a fabrication U.S. charges that Soviet chemical weapons, some of them employing biological toxins, have killed at least 10,000 villagers and fighters in Afghanistan, Laos and Cambodia since 1975. In a mirror image of the U.S. accusations, the Soviets have charged the United States in turn with supplying "poison chemicals" to Afghan fighters.

The only physical evidence the Soviets have cited consists of hand grenades allegedly found in arms caches. Published Soviet photographs clearly show some of them labeled as smoke grenades designed for defensive training exercises. Others are marked as containing nonlethal agents used in civilian riot control.

One western military attaché said he had no doubt that Afghan fighters would "use anything they could get their hands on," but he added that it would make no sense to put lethal gases in hand grenades because their short range would endanger the troops using them, even if they had protective gear.

Western analysts generally agree that while Soviet and Afghan government forces hold the cities, they control no more than about 20 percent of the Afghan countryside. Remarks by returning Soviet soldiers concur with this assessment. They also tend to corroborate Western reports that the resistance continues in Kabul and other cities and that city streets in Afghanistan are far from secure.

The air force officer who described the overall military situation as terrible, for instance, also said that even in the capital of Kabul "there is no safe place to walk." One young Muscovite, home on sick

leave with hepatitis, said the standard procedure for going to a cafe in Kabul is to travel in groups of half a dozen Soviet soldiers, accompanied by two or three armed Afghans. In the cafes, he said, all keep their machine guns at the ready in their laps.

Still another young soldier from Moscow, who counted himself lucky to be assigned to the relative safety of guard duty in Kabul, recalled that "there was never a quiet night" in his year of army service there. "There was always shooting, something was always blowing up," he said.

No Soviet casualty figures in Afghanistan have been made public, but the U.S. Defense Department estimates that Soviet armed forces have paid a relatively low price in three years of conflict thus far, with 5,000 killed and about 10,000 wounded. In the absence of official Soviet information, Russians are often willing to believe much higher figures, in part because of sporadic but persistent reports of decimated units.

One young veteran from the Ural mountains region wrote to friends in Moscow last fall, for example, telling that only he and one other survived out of his squad of 10 draftees. The Moscow soldier flows home to recuperate from hepatitis said that 20 percent of his unit — he did not specify its size — were either dead, wounded or ill. Still another soldier, from the Georgian capital of Tbilisi, told friends several months ago that only two out of his unit of 14 were still alive after less than a year in Afghanistan.

According to Western military specialists, the high incidence of infectious hepatitis among Soviet troops reflects a combination of scarce water supplies in Afghanistan and poor sanitation in military camps.

For some Soviet soldiers, the war seems to be not much a demoralizing experience as an eye-opening one. One young returned, an ethnic Russian, wrote to friends in Moscow in amazement, telling them of the divided loyalties he found among Moslems from Central Asia in his unit, some of whom, he wrote, "would rather shoot Russians than Afghans." (LAT)

Tension mounts as French get less tolerant of immigrants

By Greg MacArthur

PARIS —

A new militancy has sprung up among immigrant workers in France, prompting a backlash by working-class Frenchmen, and the country's continuing economic crisis has increased friction, occasionally breaking into violence.

There are periodic gang fights between French and immigrant youths, particularly along the French Riviera. Racist graffiti on walls and insults toward immigrant youths are not uncommon in the working-class neighborhoods where most minorities live. Officially there are about 4.2 million legal immigrants in France — one in every 12 French residents. There are an estimated 106,000 black Africans in France, but for most Frenchmen the term immigrant usually refers to the 1.4 million Arabs from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. Estimates of the illegal population range from several hundred thousand to a million or more.

The 1.6 million Portuguese, Italians and Spanish immigrants in France generally are able to assimilate themselves into society, and appear to suffer little overt discrimination. Many of the immigrants came to France during the 1960s, recruited to do the dirty work Frenchmen refused to do — collect the garbage, sweep the streets and sweat out the relatively low-paid assembly line work that helped France become the world's fifth most powerful industrialized nation.

Al-Bilad welcomed visiting British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym's statement reaffirming his country's support for Arab rights.

The British policy, the paper said, was in harmony with current Arab diplomatic moves which aimed at exposing the dimensions of the Zionist conspiracy to undermine Arab-British relations and hamper any rapprochement between them. "The world has approached a dangerous era in view of the Zionists' criminal role which threatens global peace and security at a time when Arab states are making strenuous efforts to bring about peace and stability in the Middle East," the paper added.

Al-Jazirah said Pym's talks with Kingdom's leaders in Riyadh would concentrate on developing bilateral relations and the Arab-Israeli conflict. It added that the Kingdom was looking forward to a more positive British stand on Arab rights and was hopeful that the British government would "exert pressure on the Zionist entity to stop the building of new settlements on Arab lands." (SPA)

But the jobs are scarce now, and according to several immigrant workers interviewed, discrimination in housing and employment is more intense than ever.

"Whenever anything goes wrong with the economy they blame the immigrants," said 33-year-old Muhammad Mahi. He moved to France from Algeria nine years ago "because I wanted to train for a better job before returning home." But after eight years of working for the same electrical construction firm outside Paris and "being passed over for promotion by less-qualified Frenchmen," he quit to take a job as a stock clerk.

Monia Namsi, a bright 27-year-old Tunisian, came to Paris two years ago hoping to go to medical school. She was rejected and enrolled in a year-long computer programming course at \$300 a month tuition. "They promised to find jobs for everybody in the class," she said. "In the end, they placed all the French students in jobs in Paris. But the only positions they could find for the foreigners were way out in the country."

Mabi says he has never earned more than 3,800 francs (about \$540) a month, and he plans eventually to return to Algeria. Ouali Zaidi, a 42-year-old Algerian who works in a grocery store and has been in France for 26 years, says he cannot go home without losing the retirement and health benefits he has earned over the years.

"But it is my fervent hope that my four children

will go back when they are a little older. I don't want them to live in France."

"The French are not necessarily more racist than other people, but the average Frenchman is very chauvinistic," says Yves Wahl, director of the International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism. "Everything that isn't French is rejected. Even Frenchmen moving from one region of France to another have trouble being accepted," he said in an interview.

In France, it is illegal to say publicly that one race is inferior to another. Insensitivity and open racial stereotyping, however, are not covered by the law. A popular French comic shows up periodically on nationwide television with his best-known routine — an impression of a grinning black African immigrant complete with exaggerated accent and jokes about facial features.

But with unemployment at more than 2 million, immigration is not a joke. It became a major issue in the recent nationwide municipal elections. So did crime in the streets, a problem many people link directly to the immigrant population. The Socialists, who came to power in 1981 after a decade of denouncing the "racism" of the right, were forced to alter the tone, if not the substance, of their policy on immigration during the campaign.

After immigrant workers launched a series

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*President Carter's national security adviser***Brzezinski starts new Washington wars**

By Elisabeth Bumiller

WASHINGTON (WP) — Zbigniew Brzezinski blows the lid off Jimmy Carter's White House. Hear the Chinese vice premier forget Cy Vance's name. Read how the wasp elite is on its way out. Watch Fritz Mondale comb his hair.

It's all in *Power and Principle*, a serious text on the machinations of foreign policy that's sprinkled with cheerful attacks on Brzezinski's friends, enemies and Washington's powerful.

"I think it'll hurt me with a lot of people, sure," says Brzezinski. "I think a lot of people are going to be mad at me. I didn't write it to make them mad, but I wasn't going to write anything that wasn't true."

The Carter administration, an era that is rapidly becoming a collection of memoirs, has spent the past two years producing several versions of its own history. Jimmy Carter wrote *Keeping Faith* and Hamilton Jordan turned out *Crisis*. Now, from the former national security adviser, comes the first book to cause former colleagues to lob grenades at its author.

"He spent four years and 573 pages trying to convince people that he never wanted to be a secretary of state, a Henry Kissinger or a Cy Vance, but after reading the book I would say he need have no fear of becoming any one of the three," says Robert Strauss, the former Mideast negotiator who Brzezinski says took the job because he thought it would make him a "Democratic Henry Kissinger, a mass-media star."

"What is this ludicrous garbage?" says Peter Deegan, the former assistant secretary of state for human rights, who wrote for the *Washington Post*'s opinion page. "This is the story of how the president's national security adviser tried to cut the throat of everyone who stood in the path of his power and strategic principle."

Her husband, Hodding Carter, the former State Department spokesman whom Brzezinski suspected of attacking him anonymously through the newspapers, says, "from what I hear, it's so classically Brzezinski that I'm sure he does for himself exactly what he deserves." Carter said he has not read the book.

"I don't think kiss-and-tell books have much to do with history," says Maxine Isaacs, the press secretary to Mondale. "Mondale hasn't read it, he has no immediate plans to read it and, therefore, has no comment."

Neither does former Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance. Brzezinski's No. 1 rival, who presumably will have something to say in response when his own memoir, *Hard Choices*, comes out in June. Many former colleagues aren't rushing to read it, although presumably that doesn't preclude a quick rifling of the index. Among the nonreaders: Edmund S. Muskie, the other former secretary of state from the Carter administration, and Stansfield Turner, the former CIA director whom Brzezinski says is cleverly kept from attending the morning national security briefings that he had alone with the president.

There are defenders like former Defense Secretary Harold Brown, a Brzezinski ally, and David Aaron, Brzezinski's former deputy, who said "if his portraits lack a little delicacy, I'm not surprised. He's not Plutarch."

And few Washington memoirs read like Plutarch's *Lives*. In this city, the government autobiographies that former Carter speechwriter James Fallows once said should be called "if only they'd listened to me" come in two distinct forms.

Brzezinski's book, an account of political infighting that shows the competing voices of Carter administration foreign policy, also contains a long section on the SALT talks, a repeated argument for a tougher strategy toward the Soviets, a revelation that he argued for an American-supported coup in Iran, a call for a more powerful "director of national security affairs" subject to Senate confirmation, and much praise for Carter and his own national security council staff members.

Nevertheless, the history and analysis may be overshadowed by the gossip, including comments about Walter Mondale's personality and an anecdote in which Chinese Vice Premier Kang Shien is reported to have forgotten Vance's name during a White House visit. As former Carter Press Secretary Jody Powell delicately puts it: "Sometimes the personal difficulties tend to distract from the policy discussions."

"I have never believed in flattery or lying as a way of making it," says Brzezinski, his leg casually thrown over the edge of a chair in his office at the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies, the think tank. On the walls are pictures of the former national security adviser jogging with Carter.



BRIEFING CARTER: This picture taken in 1980 shows President Carter listening to his national security adviser Brzezinski, briefing him on the Afghan situation. Seated next to Carter is Harold Brown.

Real, shocking portrayal of hypocrisy in America

By Peter Deegan

WASHINGTON (WP) — Zbigniew Brzezinski has written a memoir. The white hat is known as "I."

"If one starts sitting down and saying, 'will this help me? will this hurt me? should I be embarrassed about that? Should I take credit for this?' then you're not writing a memoir.

You're engaging in some sort of self-serving promotion, some exercise, in effect, in decep-

tion."

But just as Brzezinski's career is often measured against Henry Kissinger's, *Power and Principle* may be compared to Kissinger's memoirs, two volumes that are more sweeping — and more politically expedient.

"I am not inclined to the view that it is worthwhile to try to do something twice," Brzezinski says. "America is not a country in which people who are prepared to make waves and to stand for something usually get a second chance. America could have a terrific government composed, let's say, of Jim Schlesinger, and Melvin Laird, in some ways John Connally, Henry Kissinger, perhaps myself. But if you're controversial, you don't make it again in America. You only make it if you're safe."

Brzezinski, born of an aristocratic Polish family, writes about the demise of "the once-dominant wasp elite" — a group in which he places Vance. "Cy would have made an extraordinary successful secretary of state in a more tranquil age," he writes. "He was at his best when negotiating with the decent parties of the world ... He was at his worst in dealing with the thugs of this world."

How much does he resent this "wasp elite?" "Curiously enough, I don't." Brzezinski says. "I regret that it's passing ... The problem with the wasp elite is that it is politically fragmented and no longer exercises any homogeneous influence on our foreign policy. Socially, it has become increasingly effete, weak, guilt-ridden, indecisive."

Brzezinski, 55, teaches part-time as a professor at Columbia University. He also says he has informally advised several Democratic presidential candidates, although he won't say whom. He is a foreign policy consultant to several corporations and financial institutions, but again, he won't say which ones. He says Alexander Haig used to call him for advice when he was secretary of state. He says he's making lots of money.

He is not particularly introspective about his personal side. ("I never felt the need to go to a shrink. I don't spend time contemplating my navel.") He also writes, travels, speaks, sees foreign visitors, plays tennis and says he doesn't mind hanging around Washington (he and his wife, Emilie, known as Muska, still live in Virginia) as a spectator.

The interview over, Brzezinski leans back in his chair, relaxed, a man who may well have started new Washington wars by settling old scores.

"Are you going to write my biography," he asks playfully, "when I become secretary of state in Bob Strauss' administration?"

Washington didn't measure up either.



Vance is often frustrated by what the State Department stands for ... there is no doubt he is a very good person ... Really a very decent person ... What's quite impressive is how well he is on most of the issues."

Not only that, Vance "zigg[ed] uncontrollably" with Brzezinski. However, he did have irritating personal qualities. Vance "had a way of very pleasantly blinking his eyelashes... I was struck by how often the habit manifested itself in Cy's dealings with the president."

Brzezinski had waited until now to do all those things the president said he didn't do. On that basis, the nation doesn't owe him a thing.

Brzezinski's "impressions of Washington social life were less than ecstatic... Hypocrisy seems to be the dominant style in personal relationships around here." Attend, Washington, those are the words of a master.

Brzezinski hates all these people. It's probably because he sees himself as the "object of envy and resentment, and also of much criticism" — "bsckstabbing," too. Well, tough guys know how to hurt a fellow and the mighty must be felled.

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's "elevator shoes" are noted along with Brzezinski's detection of "the country boy's (the president of the United States) love for the elegance of the Parisian intellect (Giscard's), and 'the loving way (Mondale) would comb his hair in front of the mirror.' George Bush seems to be a liar — "apparently he falsely told Vance" — and Harold Brown, Brzezinski's "closest partner," "annoyed me" when he was "attempting to score points with the president."

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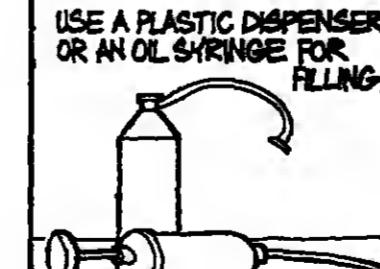
Though buried in this mine are some foreign affairs views that deserve examination, they are not what make this book worth reading now. Its utility is in the explicit description of the brutal and damaging bureaucratic infighting that impeded articulation of a rational foreign policy under Jimmy Carter.

And it could provide chilling insights into how the game is played today between the national security adviser, the secretary of state and the political triumvirate in the White House, since articulation of foreign policy hasn't improved with Reagan administration.

Brzezinski has given us, all unaware, a national tragedy. When Carter awarded the medal of freedom to Brzezinski, he said: "He has never tried to take credit for success, nor has he ever tried to blame me as president or anyone else for a failure. ... It's so easy for someone who works within the inner circles of the White House ... when something goes wrong very quietly, very subtly to say I recommended one thing, the president or the secretary of state or the secretary of defense did something else. Zbigniew Brzezinski has never done that. I am deeply indebted to him, and I think the nation shares the debt."

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Tanzania abounds in sharp contrasts

By James R. Peipert

DR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) — Six days a week Dar Es Salaam's grandiose, Chinese-built railway station stands silent and deserted, a troubled monument to one of the biggest aid projects ever undertaken in Africa.

Only on Wednesday mornings, and sometimes not even then, do any travelers hurry beneath the station's soaring vaulted roof, supported by 12 massive, marble-venered pillars, to board the dark blue passenger coaches for the journey to neighboring Zambia.

On other days, giant portraits of Presidents Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia peer down on a grand staircase leading to cavernous hut empty waiting rooms.

Kaunda laid the foundation stone for the station Oct. 26, 1970. During the next six years 10,000 to 20,000 Chinese and 50,000 Africans accomplished one of the most spectacular engineering feats on the continent — a 1,162-mile (1,859-kilometer) railway linking the Indian Ocean port of Dar Es Salaam with Zambia's copper belt.

The Chinese, sometimes breaking into Maoist songs, built 147 stations, 300 bridges, 21 tunnels and 2,200 culverts along the route through Tanzania's southern highlands.

The Tanzanian-Zambia railway, Tazara for short, was to free landlocked Zambia from dependence on transport through white-ruled South Africa. But the railway has fallen into disuse because of mismanagement.

Passenger service has been cut back from five times weekly to once a week — leaving Dar Es Salaam at 10:45 a.m. But the trains are frequently delayed by locomotive breakdowns.

In Dar Es Salaam's debilitating heat, when the brain is on simmer, some relief can be found at an ice cream emporium owned by Englishman Paul L. Mullen. He is Tanzania's leading fan of Walt Disney, the late American creator of entertainment parks and cartoons.

"Welcome to our world, where every day is Disney day," says the sign outside his usually crowded sno-cream parlor on potholed Mansfield Street.

Inside, the Disney ditty "whistle while you work" from the 1938 animated cartoon *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* wafts from a tape deck somewhere behind a styrofoam Disney magic castle looming over the soda fountain and tiki juice bar.

Big color figures of Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, Bamhi, Captain Hook and Snow White decorate the walls.

Mullen first came to Tanganyika — as mainland Tanzania was then called — as a boy with his mother and father, an employee of Tanganyika Railways. After a stint in neighboring Kenya, he came back here as a young man just out of college, got into the ice

cream business and stayed.

He admits to being 45, but says he is known around town as Peter Pan, the little boy in the J.M. Barrie play who ran away to never-never land and never grew up.

When the "long rains" come to Dar Es Salaam — from late March through May — an umbrella would be useful on a tour of the national museum. The roofs of both museum buildings leak like the bamboo fish traps ou

Water cascades down glass exhibition cases containing such items as the fossilized bones of man's ancestors from Olduvai Gorge in northern Tanzania and exquisite wooden masks of the Makonde tribe on the southern border with Mozambique.

The edges of fragile, antique maps of Africa, some as early as the 17th century, have blackened with mildew.

The museum apparently has a low priority in a country that juggles its meager foreign exchange reserves from day to day and pays out about 60 percent of its hard currency every year for imported oil.

In Tanzania's shortage economy, there's a flourishing black market in just about everything from soap to automobile engines, tires to electrical generators. To supply the so-called "magoda" market, pilferage and grand theft have become as common as power blackouts.

A relatively well-to-do Tanzanian returned home from a party recently at 2 a.m. and parked his Peugeot station wagon outside his house. When he got in his car around 6 a.m. to go to work, he found that the engine wouldn't start.

Thinking it was a battery problem, he opened the hood and discovered there was no engine. It had been lifted out during the four hours he slept.

Construction of a new wing of the New Africa Hotel in downtown Dar Es Salaam was delayed for months, residents of the capital say, because of pilferage from the site of elevator parts and essential tools.

The government-owned Tanzania Film Co. set up a small plant just outside Dar Es Salaam to press records for the local market, modeling the venture on financially successful music companies in West Africa.

But the plant has yet to pass a disc, because somebody carted away from Dar Es Salaam port in December 1981 about \$100,000 worth of imported electrical equipment needed to operate the factory.

A European businessman tells the tale of trying to establish a small steel plant in Tanzania. He found there were no building blocks available, and no frames for doors or windows, so he had to set up small factories to cut timber, so he could put up a saw mill.

"What do they want me to do?" was asked a visitor in exasperation. "Print my own money and run up a flag?"



OLDEST MUG: This measuring mug, said to be the oldest of its kind in the world, was excavated by German archaeologists from a 6th century burial site in Straubing, Bavaria.

Dogs become Soviet status symbols

By Mark Frankland

MOSCOW (LOS) — The planners never planned it that way but one of the symbols of the Soviet Union's greater affluence has become the domestic dog.

Imagine a little square in the heart of old Moscow about 10 o'clock on a winter's evening. It has been snowing and the houses and streets have taken on the charm of a Russian fairy tale. In the middle of the square stands a group of Muscovites handsomely dressed in heavy overcoats and fur hats. All around them are dogs; not just any dogs but prize, rare, and for the most part big dogs.

There is a boxer, a couple of poodles, an English bulldog and a pair of thin Russian borzois. There is also a monster animal which might be taken for a St. Bernard but in fact is an old Russian breed that were used as guard dogs.

Muscovites, as well as the inhabitants of other Soviet cities, live in flats, not private houses. A tremendous amount of building has taken place in the last 20 years but most people still live a life that is cramped by Western standards.

Even if you are lucky enough to live in flats like those round the little square you won't enjoy very much more space than average. And dog owning, though chic for the well-to-do Muscovite, isn't confined to them. Not surprisingly the strains of keeping pets in cities that weren't designed for them is beginning to tell. The newspaper *Soviet Russia* has just published some warning stories about it.

A young girl in a provincial city took her family's Scottish sheepdog for a walk. It bounded ahead of her down the stairs of the apartment building where it was met by a neighbor who kicked it so brutally that it died the following day.

A reader of the newspaper sent in the following letter about another incident. "We

teach our children to love animals but look what happened in our town. A garbage truck was going along with a member of the militia, a senior lieutenant by rank, sitting in the cab and shooting at the dogs running by, in front of everybody's eyes!"

Another letter told of a senior doctor and other staff members of a sanitarium setting off through the grounds armed with a rifle and crowbars. Asked what had happened they answered, "We're going to kill stray dogs." Shortly after we heard yells."

Cruelty in recent years have come to have a commercial value. Dogs are being killed for their skins which are made into fur hats and coats. Although this is not a legal business, some town authorities seem to support it. *Soviet Russia* has discovered towns that even have a hunting "plan" for dogs. In theory this is for animals that have gone wild but spot checks showed that many of the hunted animals had owners. One town in Siberia even offered a prize for the "best supplier of dog skins."

A movement has begun to organize both the protection of pets and education in how to look after and train them. One of its leading lights, Sergei Obraztsov, the founder of the famous Moscow Puppet Theater, some time ago recounted on television the horrifying

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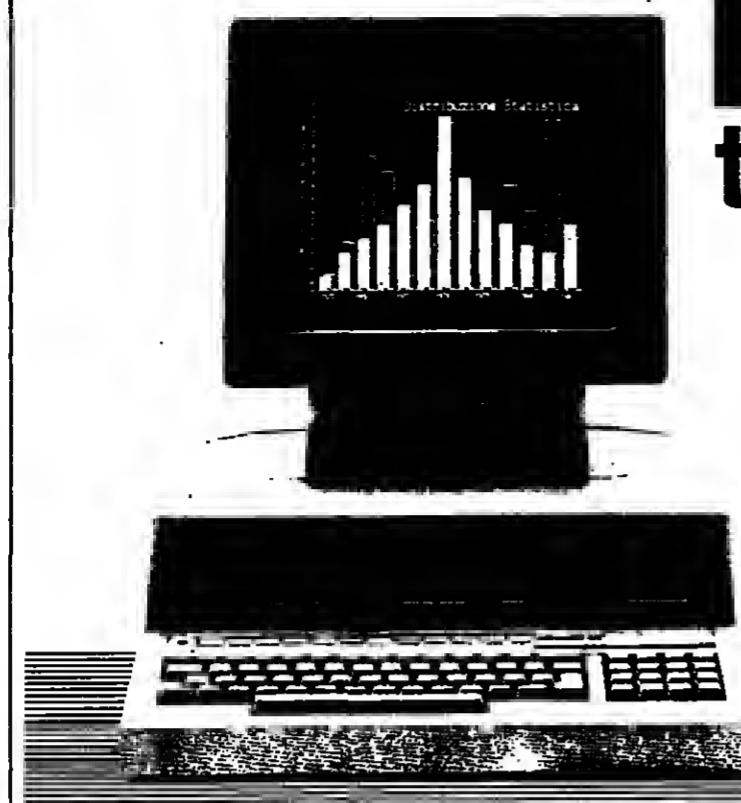
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By industrialized states

'Group of 77' urges easing import curbs

BUENOS AIRES, April 10 (R) — The "Group of 77" developing nations ended a five-day ministerial conference Saturday during which they called for bigger loans and an easing of import restrictions by industrialized countries.

Their proposals, which will be put in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Belgrade in June, were worked out during a five-day meeting.

Resolutions adopted during the conference call for increased lending to the Third World by international financial institutions such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The resolutions also call on developed countries to lift restrictions on the import of produce from poorer nations and demand the setting up of an international fund to protect commodity prices.

In addition, the Group of 77, which was founded by developing nations at the first UNCTAD conference in 1964 to define Third World attitudes on international economic issues, recommended special aid

for the world's least developed countries, including the conversion of existing development loans into outright grants.

Resolutions passed by representatives of 125 countries at the conference called on developed countries to ease the foreign debt burden of the Third World by refinancing official development assistance loans and export guarantee credits.

In the case of the least developed countries, existing development loans should be turned into outright grants, they said.

The resolutions also urged international development agencies to give developing countries fresh loans to compensate for their servicing of existing credits from the same agencies.

The Group of 77 called on the IMF to increase its allocation of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) by at least \$15 billion annually and to increase its credit facility to compensate countries for a decline in export earnings.

In addition, it said the World Bank should shorten its current lending program in four years from the five years originally planned.

PEKING, April 10 (AFP) — Chinese authorities have decided to reduce taxes on joint venture companies operating in China, and to ease operational arrangements, the New China News Agency has reported.

Equipment, raw material and spare parts imported by a foreign investor or by the joint venture will now be exempt from taxes and duties, the agency said Saturday.

Joint ventures will not pay taxes on income for the first two years in which they make profits, and they will have a 50 percent tax reduction in the third year.

Until now such companies had to pay taxes from the second year of profits, although they received a 50 percent reduction for the first two years after that. The agency said the Chinese government has decided to lift restrictions on the sale in China of goods manufactured by joint ventures.

Joint venture companies were originally set up to export and only a very small part of their output was permitted in the domestic

'Disruptive' imports must end -- Bush

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, West Virginia, April 10 (AP) — Expanding exports will help foster the United States' economic recovery but must not be offset by "disruptive" imports, Vice President George Bush says.

Bush made his comments Saturday before a group of textile manufacturers facing tough competition from abroad. He said the administration opposes trade barriers, but he indicated that President Ronald Reagan is prepared to act if conditions warrant.

"The Reagan administration has been very outspoken for a policy of free trade because of its value for our country," Bush said. "While as a general rule, we have a strong preference for this policy, we know that foreign products entering our markets under certain conditions can play a very disruptive role. When they do so, we believe the government must act responsibly in the best interests of the nation," Bush said.

Falling prices hit oil drilling, output

TULSA, Oklahoma, April 10 (AP) — Declining crude oil prices and uncertainty about future oil demand have brought a sharp reduction in deep-water drilling and production, the *Oil and Gas Journal* reports.

Deep-water drilling and production still are under way in scattered areas of the non-Communist world, the weekly trade publication reports in its issue scheduled for release Monday.

But in general the oil industry's exploration departments, operating with reduced budgets, have backed away from deep-water prospects in favor of shallower waters, where a discovery will yield a faster payout, according to the *Journal*.

A sudden jump in the price of oil or a sharp tightening of supply could reverse the situation dramatically, but these factors have not been predicted by many forecasters, the magazine reports.

The industry has demonstrated its ability to drill in more than 5,000 feet (1,524 meters) of water, and plans are under way to tackle drilling as much as 6,800 feet (1,829 meters) below the surface.

Pound's recovery halts rise in metal prices

LONDON, April 10 (AFP) — The recent rising trend in commodities was effectively stopped this week by sterling's sharp recovery as fears receded of an all-out oil price war.

The trading week was shortened by the festival holidays. It began out somewhat hesitantly, but the subsequent decline in copper prompted general selling among other non-ferrous metals, with marked exception of tin.

Coffee, cocoa and sugar also turned lower. Rubber had a mixed week, touching a new three-year high before falling back. Wool tops retreated from their all-time peaks.

Helping to check the general price fall were talk of lower British and United States interest rates, and gold's renewed firmness.

Gold: Firm. Early gains came from chartist buying, which was encouraged by the dollar's weakness. Sentiment was also helped by the end of the fiscal year squeeze which resulted in slightly lower U.S. money rates. Futures trading made a slow start but picked up quickly, with prices moving in close unison with the bullion market.

Copper: Easier. With many commodity traders only staffed immediately after the holidays, business was slow to develop.

Weekly commodities

Zinc: Easier

The sharp 3,075-ton rise in stocks to 93,675 tons, the highest since Feb. 19, also helped as a brake on trading. Subsequent selling pressure developed as New York turned firmer.

Influencing this trend were currency considerations and comments from U.S. analysts that the U.S. economic indicators may have to be revised downward.

But the market steadied at the lower levels, helped by a marginal fall in sterling and reports that British housing starts in the three months ending in February were over 30 percent up on the previous quarter.

Tin: Steady. The International Tin Council's buffer stock manager was estimated to have bought over 2,000 tons of metal Wednesday to keep the market steady. Profit-takers were hardly discouraged by the sharp rise in Penang, where rationing of supplies was reported, or by the virtual disappearance of the discount against London as the Malaysian price moved close to the middle-sector of the international agreement — 32.06/34.98 Malaysian dollar a kilo. Stocks rose by 305 tons to 37,630 tons.

Lead: Easier. The main feature was the huge 12,650-ton rise in stocks to a record 160,450 tons which followed big shipments from the United States.

Silver: Irregular. Early gains were made with gold and U.S. advances, but trading was very quiet. Prices later fell back from the best. Market stocks were up again by 540,000 ounces to 34,640,000 ounces.

The London-based bullion dealer Samuel Minotagui said in its monthly report that silver could with time regain its attractiveness as a "hedge," which it was currently losing because of lower inflation.

Aluminum: Easier. The reaction to sterling's recovery was swift in this currency-sensitive market. But prices fluctuated quite sharply at lower levels, and recovered from the worst. Stocks were down 1,700 tons to 263,325 tons. But merchants outside the London Metal Exchange quoted a firm 1,370/1,400 (against \$1,330/1,360) ton.

Nickel: Easier. This was another fluctuating market. Early buying interest was squashed by the 636-ton rise in stocks — the sixth successive weekly increase — to a new record of 12,708 tons.

Food shortage stares Africa in the face

PARIS, April 10 (AFP) — A growing food shortage is threatening survival in Africa, whose population is expected to double by the year 2,000, experts believe. But meanwhile, the world community remains preoccupied by immediate economic problems.

By the end of the century, Africa will have to feed about twice as many human mouths as today, or about 800 million, according to the world food council.

The WFC, a United Nations body, meets in Rome next month to prepare a ministerial conference on the problem, scheduled for June in New York.

The deterioration of the food situation on the continent is threatening the survival of whole nations, undermining their economic, social and political systems and causing intense human suffering, its experts say.

The world recession has limited resources for development aid upon which Africa has

come more and more to depend. Food production on the continent fell by two percent in 1981, compared with an overall world increase of 2.4 percent.

There are a number of explanations for the crisis. With just a few exceptions, African countries have borne the full brunt of the two big oil price rises of the 1970s and a fall in the price of their exported basic materials.

Africa also faces its refugee problems — five million out of a world total of 10 million — who are victims of drought, internal or regional conflicts or the effects of the economic crisis. But the experts also blame policies which have not always given priority to agriculture.

But the experts attribute the food crisis above all to structural shortcomings and mistaken agricultural policies — human errors of judgment aggravated by conditions of climate.

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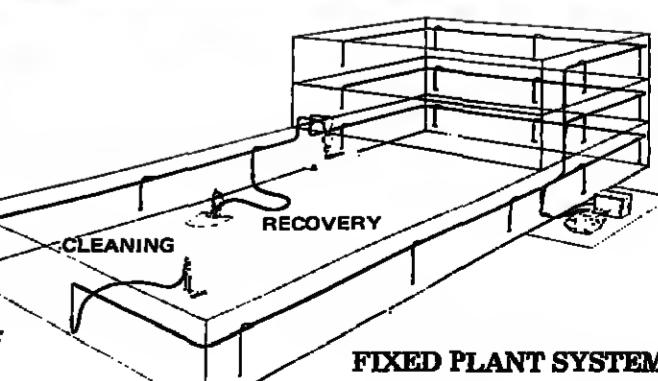


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If OPEC accord is honored**Oil demand may rise by year-end**

PARIS, April 10 (AFP) — An expected sharp second-quarter drop in world demand for crude oil could be more than offset by demand for OPEC oil in excess of the organization's new production ceiling toward the end of the year, reliable sources said Sunday quoting authoritative estimates.

If the 13 OPEC countries comply with their month-old pricing and production agreement, they said, industrial nations grouped in the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) would face significantly tighter supplies by the year's end, implying an easing of pressure on oil prices.

The latest assessment of the market outlook by IEA experts shows that IEA countries, in order to meet their projected requirement might have to draw down their stocks to less than 90 days of consumption — the minimum security level that IEA countries are committed to — by Jan. 1.

Oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries set a 17.5 million barrels a day production limit for the remainder of 1983 and reduced OPEC's reference price by \$5 to \$29 a barrel on March 14 after nearly two weeks of emergency talks in London.

Observers saw the note of caution sounded by IEA experts as an additional sign that OPEC's London agreement could help avert an oil price war if OPEC countries stuck to

the deal.

Over the past few days, spot crude prices have strengthened with OPEC's market crude, Saudi Arabian light, selling at only 25 cents below the official reference price of \$29 a barrel.

Most customers of Britain's state-owned British National Oil Corporation (BNOC), made it clear by the weekend that they would accept BNOC's 10-day-old offer of a moderate price cut for North Sea oil to preserve the competitive position of Nigeria, the hardest pressed OPEC member.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah, in an interview with a London-based Arabic-language magazine, said he was confident that an increase in demand for OPEC oil in the second half of the year will allow OPEC's base price to be raised to \$30 a barrel.

Sources here said IEA projections set anticipated world demand for crude at 43 million barrels a day in the second quarter, a drop of 2.6 million barrels from the first quarter. But it could rise to 46.5 million barrels in the last three months of the year, they said.

They said the IEA foresaw a two percent decline this year in world oil consumption and in that of the 24 industrial countries grouped in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

With economic recovery in OECD coun-

tries likely to pick up momentum in the second half, the sources said, IEA members — the OECD countries except France, Finland and Iceland — might need supplies averaging 19.3 million barrels a day over the next nine months in addition to own production and imports from non-OPEC developing countries and the Soviet Union.

If OPEC supplies did not exceed 17.5 million barrels a day, plus 0.9 million barrels of oil as liquids, IEA countries would have to draw an average of 0.9 million barrel a day from their land stocks, estimated at 399.5 million tons or 104 days of consumption as of April 1. Stocks would then be less than the projected 90 days by year-end.

IEA set the industry's first-quarter stockdraw at about two million barrels. With stocks at sea reduced by 1.5 million barrels a day and those of non-IEA countries by up to one million barrels, the total world stockdraw was estimated at nearly 4.5 million.

But the sources said there were signs that expectations of price cuts might also have encouraged consumers, including the manufacturing industry, to draw down their inventories in the first quarter.

This could explain in part an unusual drop of nearly three percent in IEA consumption from the October-December period to 8.3 percent less than levels a year earlier.

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Paris probes Algerian jet incident

PARIS, April 10 (AFP) — French airport officials were meeting here Sunday to determine how an Air Algeria Boeing 727 took off without clearance Friday from a Paris airport where it had been held since April 1 under a court order taken out by an American airline.

Reliable sources said that the aircraft left Orly Airport without permission from the control tower and without submitting a flight plan, but that the control tower intervened to prevent an accident and the plane reached Algiers safely.

In Algiers, Air Algeria officials maintained that "Algerian courts alone" should rule on the dispute between the airline and the U.S. charter company Evergreen International Airways, which claims it is owed \$330,000 for the hire of a DC-8 in September 1981 used for taking pilgrims to Makkah.

But the plane broke down several times, and Air Algeria maintains that the contract with Evergreen was not honored.

Air Algeria also said that the seizure of the aircraft in Paris was "null and void" and violated international regulations. The French and Algerian authorities consider that the litigation is a private matter for both companies to resolve.

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Reagan may use veto on tax issue

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan promised to "veto any attempt" by Congress to cancel his tax reductions.

In his weekly radio message, the president defended his tax reductions as measures to prevent the nation from "creeping closer to socialism."

Congressional elements have taken a strong stand against Reagan's third tax cut, scheduled to go into effect on July 1 this year, because of the huge budget deficit facing the nation, largely because of the Reagan administration's increasing defense expenditures.

One of Reagan's motives for standing behind his third tax cut is that he believes that it will promote the economic recovery that already has taken root.

BRIEFS

DETROIT (AFP) — Car output in the United States leaped 40.3 percent in the first quarter of this year as against a year earlier, the magazine *Ward's Automotive* report said. A total of 1,501,715 cars rolled off the production lines against 1,070,294 in the first quarter of 1982. In March the year-on-year rise was 23.2 percent with production totaling 575,073 vehicles.

FRANKFURT (AFP) — West Germany's biggest private bank, Deutsche Bank, has bought a majority shareholding in the Hamburg-based European Asian Bank, Deutsche Bank announced here. It now has a 60 percent stake in the European Asian Bank. The Amsterdam Rotterdam Bank of Amsterdam, has nine percent, the Creditanstalt-Bankverein of Vienna has 22 percent, and the Societe Generale de Banque of Brussels has nine percent.

BONN (AFP) — Volkswagen, West Germany's biggest auto manufacturer, will not pay a dividend for 1982, the board announced at its Wolfsburg headquarters. The decision will have to be approved by shareholders on June 30. Last year the firm paid a dividend of five marks on each share of 50 marks.

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LONDON (AFP) — The British tire-maker Dunlop is to offer to buy back its revolutionary "Denovo" tires from car-owners in the autumn, the specialist motorizing magazine *Motor* said here. It added that Dunlop planned to replace production of the Denovo tire — which can keep on going even after a puncture — with a new system developed in collaboration with Michelin which is equally resistant to punctures. It consists of a special rim, Michelin's "TR" rim, which allows any punctured tire to keep on rolling.

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Riyal rates stay steady

By J.H. Hammoud

JEDDAH, April 10 (AFP) — The Sunday markets were also surprisingly active but trading died down by close of business and riyal deposit rates remained generally steady. The local markets noted that the U.S. money supply figures had been unexpectedly down on Friday to \$100 million and that Eurodollar rates had begun to waver by close of U.S. business.

The expectations are for Eurodollar deposit rates to open easier Monday in Europe after the sharp weekend rises prior to the money supply announcement. Bahrain based OUB's — offshore banking units — were quoting the longer dated Eurodollar deposit rates about $\frac{1}{4}$ percent lower than comparable U.S. rates on Friday, taking the one-year rate to 9.13/16.

Hawke may shun poll promises

SYDNEY, April 10 (R) — The Australian government could set aside many of its election promises when it meets business and trade union leaders for a week-long economic summit Monday. Political and economic analysts said.

They said the Canberra meeting, to be chaired by Prime Minister Bob Hawke, could turn out to be a means for the government to set aside many of its big spending election promises.

Since coming to power in a landslide win last month Hawke's government has been confronted with the full impact of the world recession and its effects on Australia's stalled economy.

Unemployment is running at around 10 percent, inflation at more than 11 percent and the treasury has forecast the government spending deficit in the coming year will be Australian \$9.60 billion (\$8.30 billion) compared with about Australian \$6 billion, (\$5.20 billion) to the end of June this year.

The forecast has prompted stern warnings from Hawke and his cabinet that it might not now be able to fulfill all of its big spending pre-election pledges.

These included tax cuts and job creation

Police stumble

on Rumasa files

MADRID, April 10 (R) — Police hunting a kidnap victim have found hidden files of the Rumasa group, which had been reported missing after the government takeover, Interior Ministry sources said Sunday.

The government took over Rumasa, Spain's largest private holding company, in February saying it was heading for collapse, and accused the former management of financial irregularities.

Police sources said the files were found Saturday behind a false wall in a garage owned by Rumasa in southern Madrid. They were checking recently altered buildings in a hunt for kidnapped businessman Diego Prado y Colon de Carvajal, seized on March 25 by gunmen in a kidnapping claimed by Basque separatist guerrillas. The files were handed over to the Finance Ministry.

percent from 10 percent — 10 1/16 percent levels. Short-term rates remained at the 9 3/8 percent levels.

In the domestic markets, riyal deposit rates opened at the 9 3/8 — 8 7/8 percent for the week-fixed rates and the one-month rate was quoted at 8 1/2 — 9 percent levels. Trading was generally active especially in the short and medium tenors and rates fluctuated by $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ percent either way in largely interbank dealings. Commercial transactions were few and far in between but some medium term injection of riyal liquidity in the three and six-month periods caused rates fluctuate by close of business. On the exchanges, spot riyal/dollar exchange prices were steady at 3.4502-08 levels, but commercial transactions predominated.

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schemes aimed at reducing unemployment, an issue which analysts said was clearly the major factor behind the Fraser government's defeat.

While it is vital for Hawke to be seen to be doing something to ease the plight of the jobs, his government also has to show international investors it will not act irresponsibly.

Fears that the government's mildly Socialist policies would further run down the economy led to a massive withdrawal of investment capital and the subsequent 10 percent devaluation of the Australian dollar against its U.S. counterpart.

Political analysts said the success of the meeting was vital for the Hawke government.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 9:30 p.m. Saturday		Cash	Transfer
Balmain Dinar	9.25	9.16	
Bangladesh Taka	14.22	14.15	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	71.83	
Canadian Dollar	2.81		
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.00	142.64	
Dutch Guilder (100)	127.00	126.62	
Egyptian Pound	3.06	2.98	
Emirates Dirham (100)	94.00	94.05	
French Franc (100)	48.00	47.70	
Indian Rupee (100)	40.00	41.42	
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.30	24.00	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.55	
Kuwaiti Dinar	9.72	9.63	
Lebanese Lira (100)	82.60	83.38	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	53.00	52.82	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.79	
Philippine Peso (100)	35.65		
Pound Sterling	5.25	5.22	
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.90	94.87	
Singapore Dollar (100)	164.70		
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	25.57		
Swiss Franc (100)	168.40		
Syrian Lira (100)	59.25	61.72	
U.S. Dollar	3.46	3.45	
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.30	75.22	
Buying Price			
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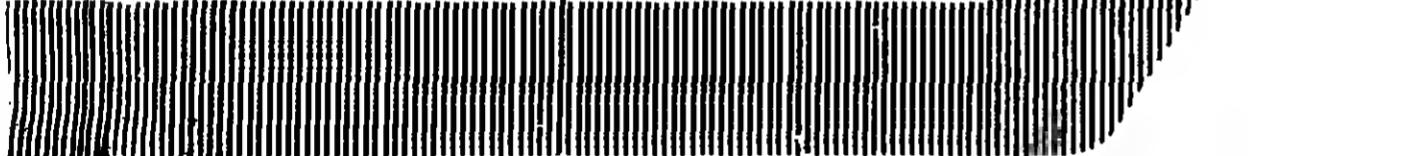
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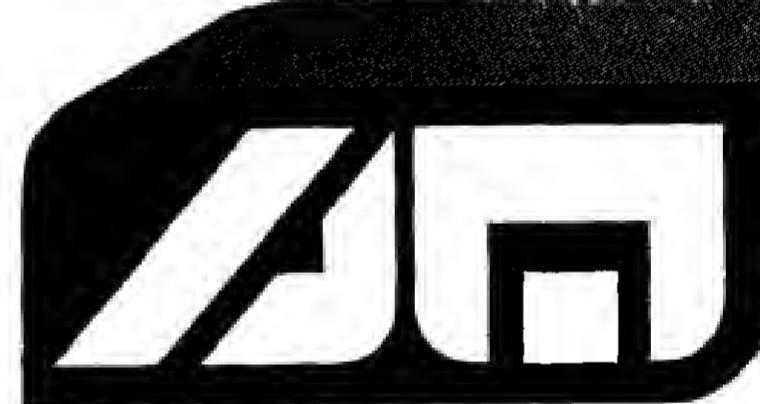
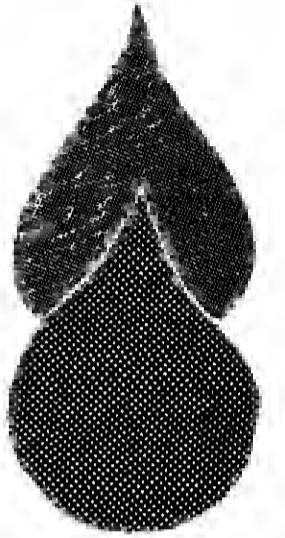
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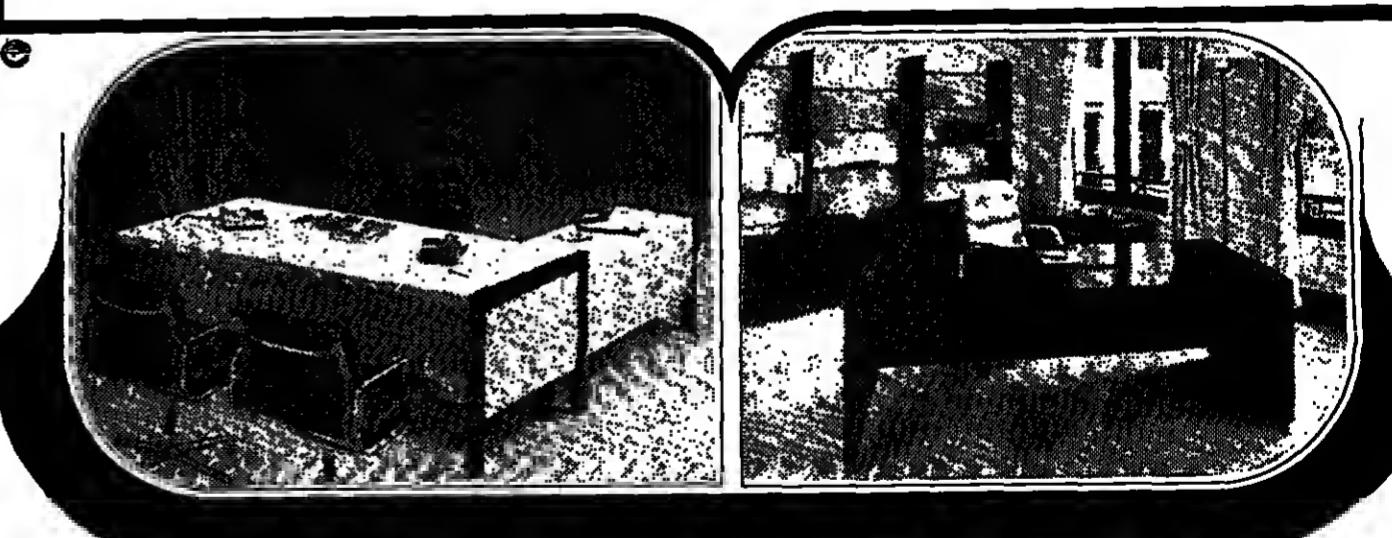
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Author explains Swanson technique

A 'breakthrough' in orthopedic surgery

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH — Many doctors examined her hands and took photographs, X-rays and blood for laboratory tests, which was all in preparation for a surgery. The woman, a middle-aged Saudi Arabian, had been suffering from rheumatoid arthritis for over 20 years. Then came the day (March 31) which marked a new turn in her life as well as that of the King Fahd General Hospital of Baha where the surgery was performed.

The surgery involved the flexible implant resection arthroplasty of the fingers and it was successfully performed in a two-hour session by a team headed by Professor Alfred Swanson, world renowned U.S. surgeon, and assisted by the hospital's Dr. Michael Wallace, chief of the orthopedic department, orthopedist Dr. E. Castro and anesthesiologist Dr. M. Peters.

When she woke up after surgery, she found her hand wrapped in many bandages. They were supposed to be left on for three to five days until most of the expected swelling went down. Her hand and arm remained supported in a special sling. Care was taken to see that her arm was not suspended in midair causing pressure from the sling on the elbow. Her elbow was resting comfortably on the bed. She could help reduce the swelling in her hand by squeezing and opening her hand.

When the dressings are removed, she will be fitted with a brace, which is necessary to support her fingers in a desirable position while allowing movement at the artificial joints. She may have to wear the brace continuously day and night for at least the first three weeks and then it can be removed or worn part time only on the doctor's and therapist's recommendation.

Once discharged, she will be expected to return regularly for checkups to make sure that she is having no problems and also to adjust her brace or splints and modify her exercises as necessary.

"Because of the nature of this arthroplasty, the postoperative care and rehabilitation program are of great importance for the quality of the final result," Dr. Swanson said in an interview with *Arab News*.

According to him, the concept of this method can be expressed in the equation "bone resection — implant — encapsulation — new joint." The implant is used as an adjunct to resection arthroplasty to make it more predictable and reproducible.

The silicone implant acts as an internal mold around which a new capsule/ligament system develops. It's known as encapsulation process. This capsule can be trained, reinforced and released. The implant is a dynamic spacer that helps maintain the internal alignment and joint space while early motion is started.

Dr. Swanson said early guided motion is essential to promote the development of a new functionally adapted capsule. In fact, the positioning and control of movement during the first six to eight weeks after reconstruction by dynamic bracing and therapy are as important as surgery.

Talking about the surgery on the woman with silastic finger joint implants, which is recognized as his own design (Swanson design), Dr. Swanson said: "The technique of the surgery was designed by us 15 years ago. It is now used all over the world for arthritis of the hand. The artificial joints we put in are used in 83 countries and more than 700,000 patients have so far benefited."

One of the reasons why he was asked to come to Baha in the course of his lecture tour of Egypt and Lebanon, he said, was to show "my technique" here. The surgery on the woman was shown in the close circuit TV in the hospital which was eagerly watched by the participants of the four-day seminar on "reconstructive surgery — practice and promotion" that preceded the operation.

In fact, the surgery provided a fitting finale to the seminar which was sponsored by the Ministry of Health and organized by the hospital's departments of surgery and nursing as well as science and education committee headed by John P. Keenan, with Professor Swanson as the honored chief guest.

Dr. Swanson said the important part of the operation was to remove the arthritic bond and the lining of the joint which was also arthritic. "Very often these joints are deformed, not normal in their alignments. So we release ligaments and tendons and then as we correct the joint, we also correct the ligaments. Hence, we take the deformed finger and put it in proper position. In the process, we not only tackle the bone but also the soft tissue."

Referring to the tiny instruments that he used in the surgery, Professor Swanson said: "You cannot use the instruments you use on a knee joint for a finger joint but only small, tiny instruments. The use of a powered air driven little tiny saw is a careful technique. In a way it's like what the dentist does when he fills a tooth with the same kind of a small air-driven instrument."

Is the Swanson design a breakthrough? A modest and unassuming Dr. Swanson, whose *curriculum vitae* runs into 70 fullscap pages, remarked: "Other people say it is a breakthrough. Almost every patient needing such a surgery is operated upon with this technique. In 95 percent of such operations, this technique is used. It's certainly a breakthrough as far as orthopedics is concerned. Moreover, knee and foot surgeries have been there for a number of years. Hand surgeries are of more recent origin. So, it's a breakthrough as far as orthopedics is concerned."

The use of the physical therapy after the operation is as important as surgery itself to make the fingers move well. The physical therapy has to be used for a minimum of three months. Even then the patients should not be allowed to do heavy labor due to the weakness caused by arthritis. They, however, should be able to perform moderate house-hold activity.

What was the mode of surgery before? Dr. Swanson said very little used to be done. The affected joint was held in position until it got



SURGEONS AT WORK : The team of doctors led by Alfred Swanson performing the surgery. Photo shows, (from left) Dr. Michael Wallace, chief of the orthopedic department of the hospital, Dr. E. Castro, orthopedist, and Dr. Swanson.

stiff. So, such patients emerged with stiff joints. There was no question of getting the movement that is now possible with the implant of artificial joints.

Asked what caused arthritis in the finger joints, the professor said: "We see more of this kind of arthritis in colder climates than in Saudi Arabia. It's still here but not as much as it is prevalent in, say, Europe, America and the Scandinavian countries. It's caused at birth and partly by an infection spread by flies and other insects."

Professor Swanson, who is the chief of the Orthopedic and Hand Surgery Training Program at the Blodgett Memorial and Butterworth Hospitals, Grand Rapids, Michigan, said of the 20 doctors in orthopedics working with him, two have specialized in hand surgery.

Dr. Swanson, who had a brief stint in military service and who has many hospital affiliations said he runs special courses every year which are attended by doctors from all over the world. "Over 3,000 doctors have visited me so far," he said adding that he has lectured in 44 countries, participated in 460 international meetings, conventions and seminars in the last 20 years.

"Saudi Arabian doctors are interested, I think, in this kind of surgery and it should be done in special centers like this hospital where all facilities exist," he said.

Dr. Michael Wallace, chief of the orthopedic department of the King Fahd General Hospital, when asked whether the Swanson design is the last word on the technique of surgery for rheumatoid arthritis of the hand, said in an interview: "Certainly not. It's very much one of the best techniques at the moment."

Dr. Wallace, a Britisher who has been in the Kingdom for over six years working with hospitals in Dammam and other places, said this technique is most widely used because Dr. Swanson has traveled extensively and instructed people in its use.

"The basic technique in the Swanson design," Dr. Wallace said, "is similar to the old-fashioned operation. In the Swanson technique, you simply excise the patient's diseased joints and leave the body to form and new artificial joints." By using the implants, which Dr. Swanson has developed, "you maintain the space between the bones.

It prevents overgrowth, provides a certain degree of splintage in early stages, which allows the body to form a fiber's capsule around it naturally. Formation by the body of the fiber's capsule around the implant is the most important part of the whole affair. At the same time, we also do some minor surgery of the affected joints to correct the ligaments.

Dr. Wallace said that the incidence of

earlier surgical operation technique — synovectomy — by which you simply open the joint, remove the disease sinovium before it has a chance to attack the bone. This operation, in combination with medicine, has also played a significant part in the fight against this particular disease.

Dr. Wallace said as many as six million Americans are suffering from the disease. We have at present no idea about the extent of the problem in the Kingdom. I have treated about 10 patients with severe rheumatoid arthritis in the hand but I have not seen any one with the disease of the deforming type.

Dr. Wallace said that the incidence of rheumatoid arthritis in the hand seems to be common among women in the Kingdom "because I have seen as many as 200 cases since the opening of the hospital 19 months ago." It's probable that the disease is worldwide. Historical records seem to indicate that this disease has occurred in the world during the last 400 years.

There are no symptoms for this hut chance

X-rays may show. If the disease affects lower parts of the spine — the canal inside the spine is very small — then you can start getting pressure symptoms on the nerves inside the spinal canal and the patient may have funny feelings in the legs, loss of control of his bladder or even becomes paralyzed gradually from the waist down. And when this happens, it is necessary to take away part of the spine to remove the pressure from the nerves.



Dr. Alfred Swanson

Asked whether the woman's other hand is also affected, Dr. Wallace said "Yes, but much less severely. Later on, I think I'll have to operate on certainly those two fingers — ring and small — of the other hand in a similar surgery."

Dr. Wallace, who is a general orthopedic surgeon with a particular interest in surgery of the hand and spine, said what affects the spinal chord is fluorosis which is due to the high concentration of fluoride in water.

Fluorosis, whose incidence is high in the belt

from across the Gulf states to India, is caused because the space for the spinal chord is narrow. If the bone overgrows, it causes pressure

symptoms on the spinal chord and this can be

a real problem. People have tried very hard to

stop the public from using wells that have a

high fluoride content for this very reason

"because it is such an unpleasant disease."

The other problems seen in the Kingdom

are the exceptionally high incidence of slipping

one vertebra on another called spondylitis.

Nobody knows what is the cause of this

disease. It is probably due to stress fracture —

part of the spine gives way and one vertebra

starts slipping on the other. And if not treated

adequately it can again cause danger to the

spinal chord inside.

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HOSPITAL : King Fahd General Hospital where the surgery was performed is only 19 months old.

Jail conditions turn Brazilians patients

By Genevieve Yver

ILHA GRANDE, Brazil (AFP) — At the island prison of Ilha Grande a doctor comes once a week to cope with 800 prisoners and treat six to eight cases of tuberculosis a month, 14 mental patients who should be in psychiatric hospital and epidemic-levels of venereal, skin and eye diseases. At Ilha Grande, a fortress penitentiary near Rio de Janeiro, prisoners are faced with almost certain, though slow, death from the conditions of their internment.

"I have been waiting two years for a knee operation," said Maurilio, 65, a former nurse jailed for murder — without proof he claimed. "Three times I went to the hospital in Rio, three times I had to come back. There was no room."

In a cell, a prisoner was lying on the ground — stiff, his eyes rolling, his fist clenched. A cellmate was rubbing vinegar on his joints. Ademar Nunes da Costa, doing time for murder, is epileptic. He has had fits daily since being sent to Ilha Grande three years ago.

"Medicine, No, he has never received any. The doctor said he was incurable," said his cellmate.

The prison is completely isolated, forgotten by the continent since it is so difficult to reach. Prisoners' relatives have a two-hour bus ride from Rio, followed by two hours by boat to reach the island.

Then come hours of waiting to register and a 40-minute ride in a military police truck over the rocky and hilly road to the prison.

Once there, visitors must pass through three fences before reaching a large courtyard where vultures pick through scattered garbage. The walls are cracked and stained. The prisoners stand huddled in a corner, uncertain.

"When I arrived here, it was hell," said 22-year-old Gilson Malafona de Oliveira, who has been in jail for murder since he was 16. He opened his shirt and showed his chest and neck marked with large scars from knife cuts.

"The prison administration is criminal,"

85 lives claimed

Rare beast terrorizing kids in an Indian state

By J. Hart

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Some say it is a wolf, for others it is a leopard. The superstitious call it a phantom.

Whatever it is, in a rampage which has now attracted national attention, it has killed 85 persons in just over two years, all but one of them children under the age of 10 attacked in early morning or at dusk while playing on the outskirts of villages in an isolated region of northeast India's Bihar state.

The beast's latest victim, a five-year-old girl named Gita, was carried off near her parents' hut March 21. Neighbors found her later with her abdomen torn open.

Gita's mother, Jamuna Devi, said she caught a glimpse of a long black shape that seemed to leap and seize the child in its fangs before stealing away toward a ravine on the edge of the village.

The animal attacks at least once every month, usually within a radius of 50 kms around Hazaribagh district 300 kms from Calcutta on the east Indian coast. Except for one 45-year-old woman, the victims have been children. In each instance, witnesses have spoken of a long reddish brown or black form that springs on its prey, seemingly from nowhere.

The killings have now become a national issue, with the Indian press attempting to unravel the mystery behind the gruesome attacks. The Water and Forestry Department says the dreaded beast is a wolf, although for Imam, a professional hunter in the district, it is an aging leopard who was abandoned by his family and forced to find its own sustenance.

With all forms of animal life disappearing as a result, wild predatory animals have nothing left to hunt and have turned their sights on the children of the district.

The government of Bihar has launched \$4 million restoration campaign — but as it takes 25 years to produce a fully developed tree, ecologists fear that in the meantime the district's fauna will have completely disappeared.

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as a result, wild predatory animals have nothing left to hunt and have turned their sights on the children of the district.

Dear Dr. Steinbrenner: I began to complain of allergy when my husband became well-to-do. I'd always wanted wall-to-wall carpeting. I had it put down all over the house — including our bedroom. Not long after, I began to complain of stuffy nose and "head colds." After using nose spray without much relief, I went to an allergist. I guess you know what he discovered. My main enemy was dust. He advised me to get rid of the heavily tufted wall-to-wall carpeting and substitute small rugs. Voila! Within a week, I felt like a new person. People who depend upon nose sprays to keep them "alive" should consider the possibility that dust is the cause. It's often overlooked, isn't it? — Mrs. H.

Dear Mrs. H.: It's not so often overlooked — the problem is that people usually do nothing about it. They suffer rather than take steps to get rid of dust. I doubt that wall-to-wall carpeting is often the culprit, as in your case. More common dust "carriers" are venetian blinds, undusted books on shelves, clothes and shoes in closets — rarely taken out to be aired and cleaned.

Molds and dust collect and multiply day by day. And so the allergy complaints go on and on — without attempts at removing the cause. I recall many young children who suffered what parents thought were "cold after cold" who were allergic to some favorite, dust-collecting stuffed toy or doll. Removal resulted in almost immediate improvement. Too many of us are searching for some food allergy as the cause of nasal discomfort. If I had to choose, I'd try to eliminate dust first. If you can't find the reason, engage an allergist to play detective.

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steinbrenner: I love to fly, yet I hate to. Invariably, I get an excruciatingly painful earache when the plane descends from a high altitude. I know it has to do with the Eustachian tubes that connect the ear and the throat — it closes them off. Chewing gum and swallowing a lot don't help me as much as friends who have a similar problem. Any other suggestions? — Mr. V.

Dear Mr. V.: Simply yawning often opens up the tubes. I recall one patient who no longer had earaches when he used a nasal decongestant when descending.

For Mrs. T.: When a child walks late, talks late, has difficulty dressing herself and is "slow" in school, it's possible that she has some developmental disorder. Not necessarily severe brain damage, but it is sufficiently questionable to require medical care rather than waiting for her "to grow out of it." It's sometimes called minimal brain dysfunction.

(Tomorrow: Depression and suicide)

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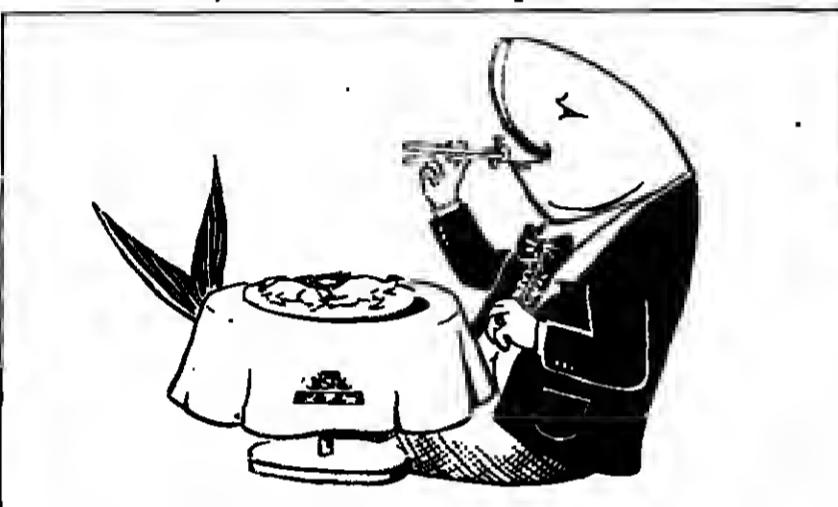
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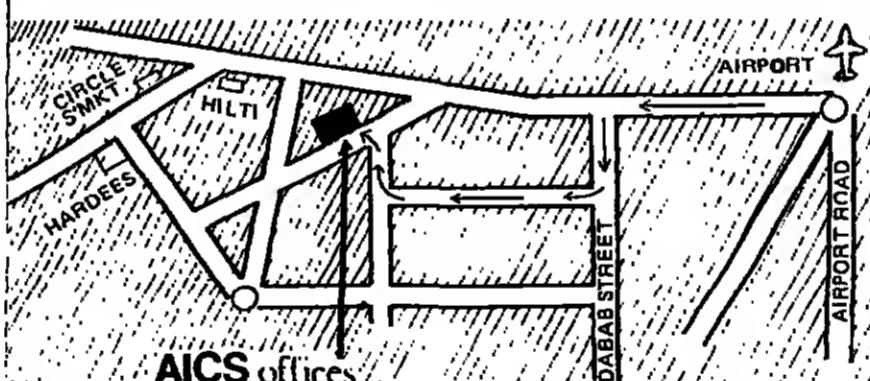


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International

Gathering technological data

30 Soviet agents said operating in Japan

TOKYO, April 10 (Agencies) — About 30 Soviet intelligence agents are operating in Tokyo collecting advanced technological information for possible use by the munitions industry, a leading economic daily reported Sunday.

The generally conservative *Nikun Keizai Shinbun* said its report was based on the contents of a secret government document made available Saturday. It did not elaborate. Government officials were not immediately available for comment. *Nikun Keizai* said Tokyo has become a major point for such Soviet activities in which some 30 of a total of about 100 Soviet intelligence agents operating in Japan engage in gathering technological information including that of computer and robot.

The Soviet agents buy roughly 70 percent of their "Tokyo information" mainly from research workers at universities or private companies, and the agents are authorized to spend a sum up to \$210,000 per item, it said.

The Soviet government decides what kind of information it wants, and documents, apparatus, specifications and designs are sent to Moscow by Soviet airliners or vessels, it said. On occasions, it added, East European intelligence agents smuggle the information out of Japan.

The daily said the Soviet agents are members of the KGB or the Committee of State Security, GRU, or Defense Ministry intelligence agency, or other Soviet intelligence agencies. They disguise themselves as diplomats, business agents or news agency correspondents, it added.

The government has begun studying countermeasures to protect Japan's advanced technology, including possible enactment of law, said the paper. Japan now has no law governing espionage activity.

Meanwhile in Rome, Italian Defense Minister Lelio Lagorio told *L'Espresso* newspaper Saturday that 33 foreigners, most

of whom had diplomatic immunity and belonging to Eastern bloc countries, were expelled on suspicion by the Italian military counterespionage service during the last three years. During the same period, Italy refused entry to several hundred foreigners, again mostly from Eastern Europe, for security reasons, Lagorio said.

In late 1980 and early 1981, meanwhile, the military counter espionage service gathered "certain proof concerning international connections maintained by subversive groups, as well as concurrent information regarding hostile actions by states," he continued.

These actions, he said, were within the framework of "what I would call the unending frictions between East and West" and included spying, attempts at political destabilization, and the attack against the pope on May 13, 1981. In January 1981, President Sandra Pertini had denounced an unnamed country "on the other side of the Iron Curtain" for what he said was influence on Italian terrorism.

In Paris, reliable sources said the French government's expulsion of 47 Soviet diplomats and other officials on spying charges last Tuesday was a carefully worked out project, and Soviet Ambassador Yuri Vorontsov was told of it one week in advance.

The final decision was taken by President Francois Mitterrand, although the names and activities of the Soviet spies were recorded by France's DST counterintelligence service over the past two years. The news was broken to Ambassador Vorontsov on Tuesday, March 29. But Nikolai Chetverikov, No. 3 at the embassy, told newsmen that he only heard about his expulsion a few hours before flying home to Moscow, and his version was picked up by the international press.

Even high-ranking French political leaders like Lionel Jospin, secretary-general of the ruling French Socialist Party, were not told about the expulsions by the government.

Crowds cheer return

2nd Challenger flight planned

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Florida, April 10 (Agencies) — The space shuttle *Challenger*, which completed its first space voyage Saturday, must be ready for another flight in 60 days according to official plans.

That is considerably less time than the shortest period it took to prepare the first shuttle, *Columbia*, for another flight, but officials say they can do it. "We think we can do it in 60 days," Tom Utsman, director of shuttle management and operations at the Kennedy Space Center, told reporters last week. "There are several thousand people here who don't think it is a fantasy," he said. "It will be a very tough operation but we don't see any insurmountable obstacles."

The speed-up in operations is necessary because of a two-and-a-half month delay with *Challenger* due to engine leaks. Despite the delay, officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are trying hard to get in all the missions planned for this year, especially the September flight of a European-built spacelab.

Spacelab is a large shuttle-borne capsule that will allow several scientists, including the first European member of a U.S. space crew, to conduct experiments while in orbit. Its first week-long mission is extremely important to

Reagan drops hints of running again

WASHINGTON, April 10 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan is doing all he can to drop broad hints — without saying so outright — that he will run again for the White House.

After all, some analysts say, as a former Hollywood actor Reagan knows the art of suspense. In his negotiations with Congress, he has always waited until the very last minute to show his hand.

Moreover, an early announcement that he would run for a second term would make each policy move look as though it was taken only to garner votes. On the other hand, if he decides to leave office — he will be 74 when the next president is sworn in on Jan. 21, 1985 — then he must say so soon. Potential candidates from his own Republican Party are eager to hear that he will step down so they can begin catching up to Democrats who have already entered the race.

But as the days go by, it looks more and more likely that Reagan will run again. As his aides began giving their own hints that he would run, Reagan himself said recently that a four-year presidential mandate is not enough. The statement delighted his supporters and infuriated his opponents.

By stressing the political "instability"

that he said arises from short presidential terms, Reagan could not have put his point more clearly.

But he has made it in other ways. As if by chance, he has started to hold a series of White House lunches with the regional managers of his 1976 and 1980 campaigns.

He has also sent to Dallas, Texas — the city chosen for the Republican convention which will nominate the new presidential candidate — a top White House aide, Michael Deaver who handles Reagan's visits. The president has also approved a \$1-million televised publicity campaign to brighten up his image. A housewife is seen saying: "My friends think President Reagan was just too optimistic ... but you know, optimism isn't such a bad thing to have."

The housewife may have hit the nail on the head, for the majority of commentators believe that if the economy continues to improve, Reagan will have a superb campaign theme to help him sweep back into the White House. According to many analysts, the economy issue would make Reagan the strongest of several Republican possibilities.

Meanwhile, in Springfield, Massachusetts, former Vice President Walter Mondale easily beat five rivals, in a concerted effort by organized labor, to win a

major Democratic presidential preference poll and hold on to his frontrunner status.

The vote at the Massachusetts State Democratic Convention was a blow to the presidential hopes of former astronaut John Glenn and a surprising boost to the aspirations of California Senator Alan Cranston. Cranston, who only a few weeks ago had been expected to be placed well behind the other candidates, finished a surprising third on the ballot, with Glenn finishing fourth. Second place was won by voters worried about unemployment who marked their ballot paper for "jobs" at the suggestion of organized labor.

Labor, which had 700 of the 3,830 delegates eligible to vote, had hoped that their "candidate" would finish first and send a message to both the party and the media of unions' renewed strength in the party.

California Senator Gary Hart finished a poor fifth, although he did better than South Carolina Senator Ernest Hollings and former Florida Governor Rubin Askew, who each failed to get one percent of the vote. Mondale supporters claimed their candidate won because he had picked up the votes of Senator Edward Kennedy's supporters. Kennedy withdrew earlier this year from the race.

Congress decision may kill MX plan

WASHINGTON, April 10 (R) — President Reagan's latest plan for basing the controversial MX missile, sent to Congress just days ago, is already in trouble and has raised fears among defense officials that the weapon will never be built.

Members who were briefed on the plan secretly Thursday said the proposal calls for placing 100 of the 10-warhead MX missiles in existing Minuteman missile silos, then replacing them after about five years with a smaller, mobile missile. Reagan is formally to disclose his MX plan early this week. The congressmen were briefed by retired Gen. Brent Scowcroft, chairman of a bipartisan commission named by Reagan to study MX deployment after Congress last year rejected the second of two basing modes he had recommended. The immediate reaction of some congressmen was negative.

Defense officials fear that if Congress rejects this latest plan, the highly accurate MX will never be built and deployed. Both the Reagan administration and that of former President Jimmy Carter have argued that the missile is essential to counter new and more accurate Soviet Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs).

Scowcroft, a former national security advisor to President Ford, had tried to find a base for the long-range missile that would be acceptable both to the military and to Congress. President Carter in 1979 proposed a system of shutting 200 MX missiles among 4,600 concrete shelters to confuse Soviet missile targeters, a plan rejected by Reagan when he took office. President Reagan's first recommendation, late in 1981 — similar to the new plan recommended by the commission — was to put 40 missiles in specially hardened Minuteman silos as a temporary measure until a permanent basing mode was found. Congress rejected that on the ground it did not want to spend money on anything but a permanent base for the missile.

Under Reagan's second plan last year, called "dense pack," 100 MXs were to be based so closely together that, in theory, attacking Soviet warheads would destroy one another as they exploded, leaving some U.S. missiles intact to retaliate. Congress turned that down as too exotic and hypothetical. The MX Commission had hoped the new plan and enough in it to satisfy congressmen who like the big MX, as well as those who feel the best U.S. defense would be a small, mobile missile.

Defense officials concede that, with the increased accuracy of new Soviet missiles, it is all but impossible to make a U.S. fixed land-based missile invulnerable to attack, closing the "window of vulnerability" as Reagan had promised in 1980. Pentagon officials said a new missile was needed now to modernize U.S. forces and match Soviet silo-busting capability, and under the Scowcroft plan, new technology would be used to make the Minuteman silos more resistant to a nuclear explosion. This way, they said, the MX could serve until the smaller "Midgeman" missile was developed and deployed. Air force officials said the 71-foot (21.5-meter) MX would be tested this summer or autumn and be ready to deploy in 1986.

Kidnappers free Italian girl

ROME, April 10 (AFP) — Police were Sunday searching for three youths who kidnapped the teen-age niece of Italian film producer Dino de Laurentiis for three hours. The kidnappers had fled off by a van they mistook for a police vehicle. Simona de Laurentiis, 18, was reported to be home with her mother Sunday after being released Saturday night from a hospital in Ostia, a seaside suburb of Rome. According to a medical bulletin, she had abrasions on her arms, left leg, throat and neck. Miss de Laurentiis told police she had been abducted Saturday evening by three youths in the residential neighborhood of Cassalpoco, southeast of Rome, as she was riding a motorbike home.

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A German delegate in the lobby said Sartawi was standing at the reception desk of the Hotel Montchir, talking with his secretary, Anwar Abu Eishesh, "when this man in a light suit walked in with the gun up. He fired, turned and ran out the door."

"It was so quick the security men present only started out after him once he was outside," said the delegate, who asked not to be identified. Delegates and tourists in the lobby screamed and Sartawi collapsed in a pool of blood, witnesses said.

Portuguese national guardsmen fired several shots as the gunman fled, but he eluded them in a nearby park. A police spokesman said security had been stepped up at Portugal's border with Spain and at the country's airports.

Witnesses described the gunman as a slim, youngish-looking man of South European or Middle Eastern appearance. He had a mustache and glasses, they said.

The shooting stunned the Socialist delegates, wrapping up a four-day meeting with the approval of a communiqué that among other things called for Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians to negotiate. "This was a man of peace," said Alex Kitson, former chairman of Britain's Labour Party, who dashed into the lobby moments after hearing the shots. "He was a man of great courage striving for peace in the most difficult circumstances. His tragic death... builds up the hate once again."

Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt, president of the Socialist International, said: "His death makes double our efforts to avoid other people to be killed in the Middle East."

In Israel, Arich Elav, a prominent Jewish dove who worked closely with Sartawi, called the killing "a loss to everybody who wants peace."

In Manama, the security chief of the PLO was quoted as charging that the assassination was "an attempt to murder Palestinian moderation." Salah Khalaf, known as Abu Iyad, said the assassination was undertaken by "agent quarters."

Other PLO officials in various world capitals, including deputy military commander Khalil Al-Wazir, who was in Jordan, accused Israel of masterminding the operation. PLO representatives in New Delhi and Madrid were unanimous in saying that the assassination was primarily aimed at foiling any contemplated peace moves by the PLO and in blaming Israel for the incident.

In Tunis, the PLO official spokesman accused Israel of the assassination of Sartawi. The spokesman, Ahmad Abdul Rahman, told the Tunisian News Agency that Sartawi had been killed by members of Mossad, Israel's secret services.

In Paris, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "We learned with shock of the assassination of an advocate of dialogue in the Middle East who, in the past, had stressed with courage the need for direct contact between

the peoples of the region."

In Moscow, Tass carried a quick report of the murder but did not comment.

In Vienna, Austrian Foreign Minister Willibald Pahr said he was deeply shocked by the murder of Sartawi, whom he called a true friend of Austria. "Whoever is behind this perfidious attack will have to realize that terrorist methods cannot possibly provide a solution for conflicts," Pahr told reporters.

In London, Britain's opposition leader Michael Foot condemned the killing. Foot, leader of the British Labor Party, attended the Conference of the Socialist International but left before the shooting.

Sartawi, who lived in Paris, was the fifth moderate PLO official in Europe to be killed in as many years.

Born in the West Bank town of Sarta in 1933, he studied medicine in Baghdad before specializing in heart surgery at Ohio University and later opened a private clinic in Baghdad.

Only a year after joining the Palestinian resistance in 1968, he set up a small group called the Action Organization for the Liberation of Palestine, and in 1970 became one of the six members of the Palestinian "war council" along with Arafat and George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

In June 1971, after dissolving his organization and rallying to Arafat's Fatah movement, the major Palestinian group, he began working as Arafat's personal adviser for foreign affairs.

Although he was never appointed to either the PLO executive or central council, he was a member of both the Palestinian National Council (parliament) and the Fatah revolutionary council.

As Arafat's roving ambassador in Europe starting from the summer of 1976, he met several times with members of the Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian peace.

But although his contacts with the Israeli left triggered a tide of protest from PLO hardliners, he secured the support of Arafat.

Hussein

Fes plan demands an independent Palestinian state, with the PLO as sole representative of the Palestinian people.

Israel said Sunday its settlements in the occupied West Bank should not stop Jordan from negotiating peace, and that Jordan could discuss the issue once talks started.

Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor, speaking to reporters after the cabinet discussed the latest U.S. criticism of Israeli settlement policy, said Washington could not pressure Israel into abandoning its policy of expanding Jewish settlement. "American pressure on Israel, or any hint of that, will not change our position," Meridor said.

The State Department spokesman said Friday Washington would try to curtail Israeli settlement activity or any other unilateral action that could be an obstacle to peace if King Hussein decided to join peace talks.

Thatcher plans meeting with poll probables

LONDON, April 10 (R) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher plans to meet 100 new parliamentary candidates on Friday, giving rise to fresh speculation that she will name June as the date of Britain's general election.

Mrs. Thatcher will address the new Conservative candidates at a seminar being held next Friday and Saturday, party aides said. The date of the general election is a subject of growing speculation, with June or October possible choices. Although Mrs. Thatcher, who took office in May 1979, need not call the poll until next year, the Conservatives are running well ahead of opponents in opinion polls.

Party aides said Sunday that the meeting merely represented prudent preparations for the election and one said: "It just makes sense to be ready." They insist Thatcher will take no poll decision until she sees how her party fares in local government polls on May 5. The Sunday newspaper *The Observer* devoted its lead story to the meeting and said: "This indicates that a June election is under active consideration."

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